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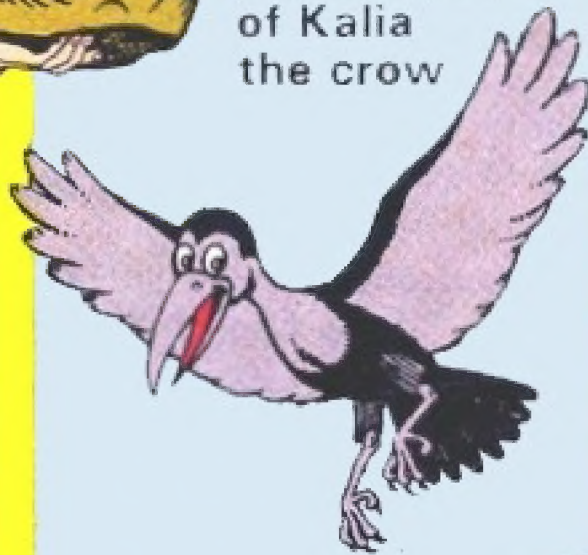
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Dear Friends,

Let me tell you a story. One evening, Ramu and Shamu went to a park with their father. High upon a branch of a tree, they saw three young ones of a crow.

"Daddy," said Ramu. "All the young ones keep saying, "Caw Caw " again and again. Don't they know any other word?"

"No. Their father has taught them just that one word."

A little ahead, Shamu saw a cat feeding her young ones. One by one the kittens began to mew.

Shamu now turned to his father and said, "Daddy, these kittens keep saying, "Meow " over and over again. Is it because Mom Cat has taught them only that word?"

"Yes," said the father. "Come along now. We are getting late."

Ramu suddenly burst out crying and said, "Dad Crow has taught only one word to his children. Mom Cat too has taught only one word to her children. Why did you teach us so many words? Now we have to learn so many subjects at school. "

Perhaps, many of you feel the same way. That is why I had long been wanting to bring out a magazine just to make learning fun for you. It had to contain what you wanted. So I went round asking my young friends for suggestions.

"Give me adventure," said one.

"I want animal cartoons, uncle," said another.

"Humour for me," cried a third.

"I'd prefer science..." began a grave young lad.

"But in comics!" cut in his friend.

"There must be a puzzle page," squeaked a little voice.

It seemed a difficult—almost an impossible task. But the directors of the company as well as my colleagues said, "We are with you. We'll do it."

There! I have told you the story of TINKLE. It has been brought out specially for you. Please do let me know how you like it.

Uncle Pai



**We dedicate this monthly to the memory of  
Chacha Nehru, who deeply loved children.**

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# BHEEMA

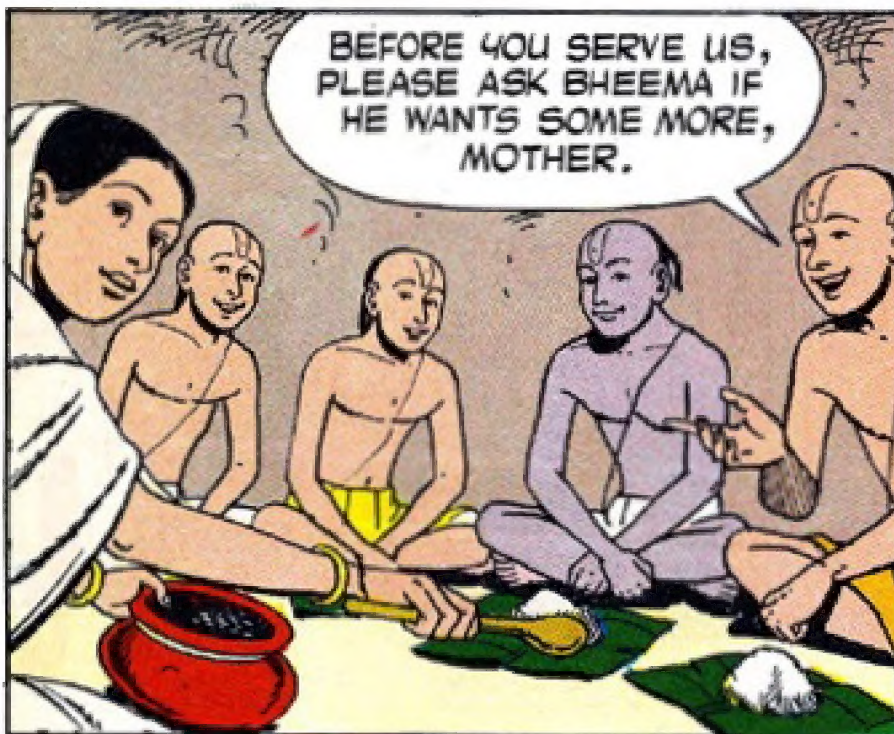
## THE LITTLE GIANT

Based on a story from Dr. R.L. Hegde's collection of mythological folktales of Karnataka.

Script: Patanjali Sharma • Illustrations: Pradeep Sathe



OF THE FIVE PANDAVA PRINCES, BHEEMA WAS THE ONE WHO ATE THE MOST.



BEFORE YOU SERVE US, PLEASE ASK BHEEMA IF HE WANTS SOME MORE, MOTHER.



AFTER ALL OF THEM HAD EATEN —

COME ON, BHEEMA. LET'S GO TO THE JUNGLE AND PLAY.

YOU GO. I'LL COME LATER.



I AM STILL HUNGRY.



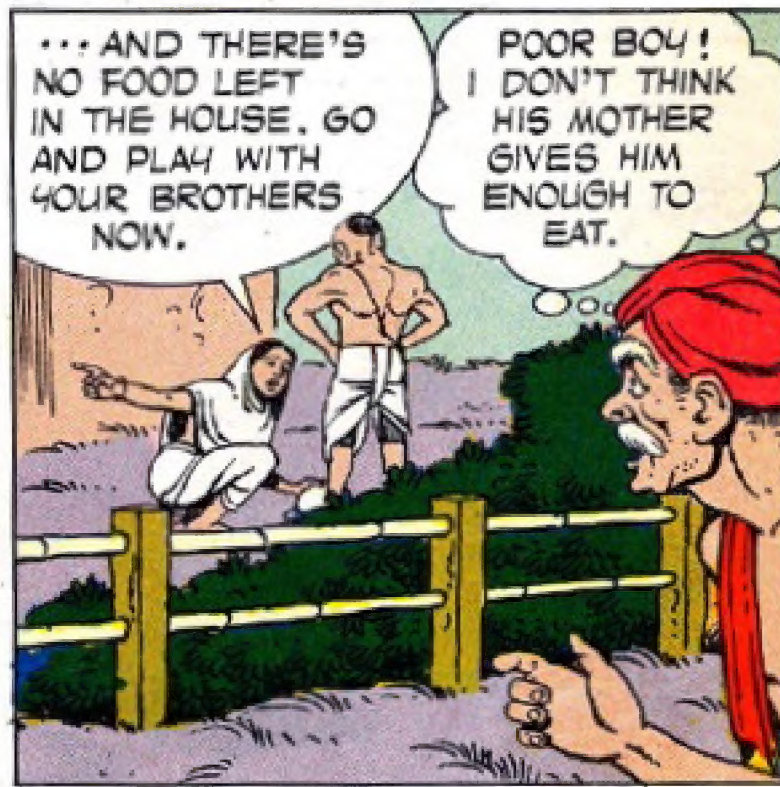
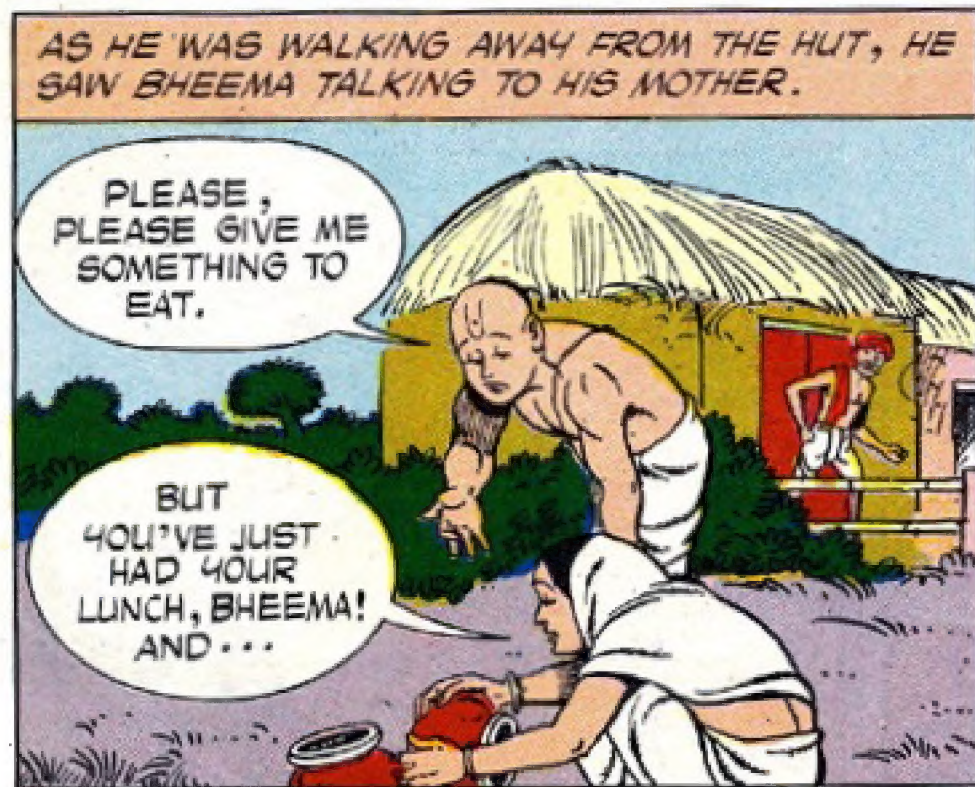
THEY WERE THEN STAYING IN DISGUISE\* AT THE HOUSE OF A BRAHMANA IN A CITY CALLED EKACHAKRA PURA. THEIR NEIGHBOUR WAS A POTTER. HE WAS VERY HAPPY THAT DAY.

AT LAST EVERYTHING IS READY FOR MY SON'S WEDDING!

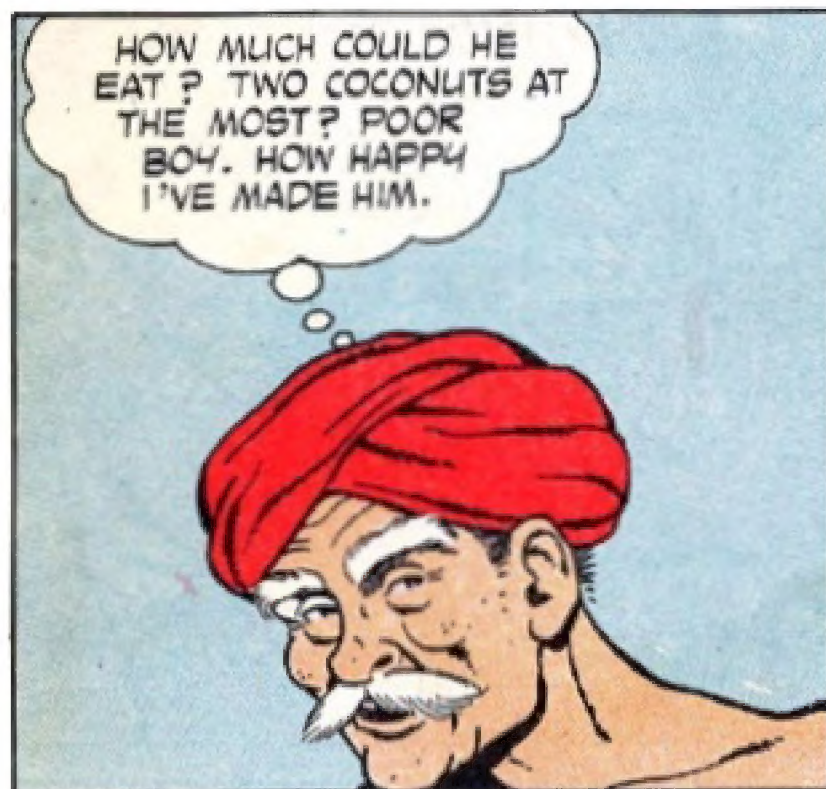
\* THEY WERE HIDING FROM THEIR COUSINS, THE KAURAVAS

TINKLE

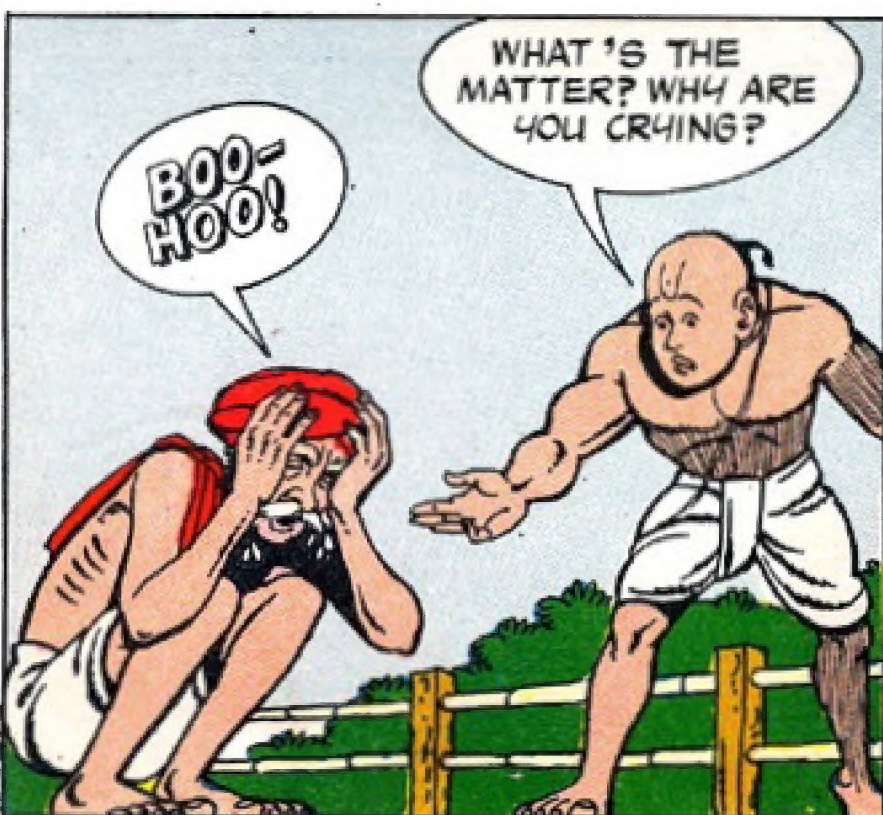
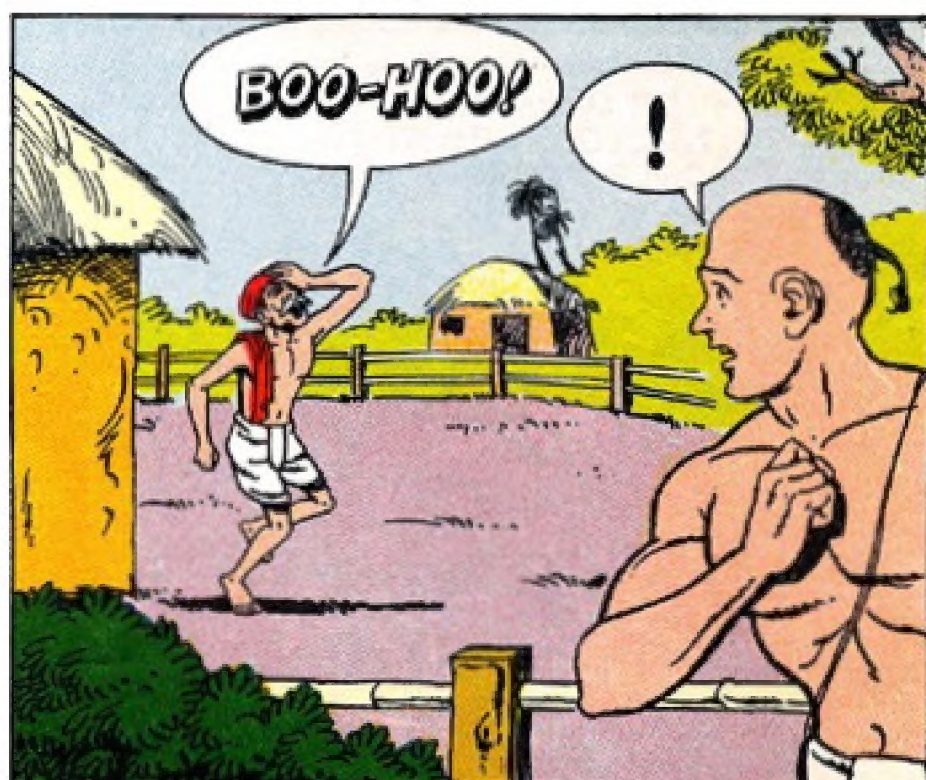
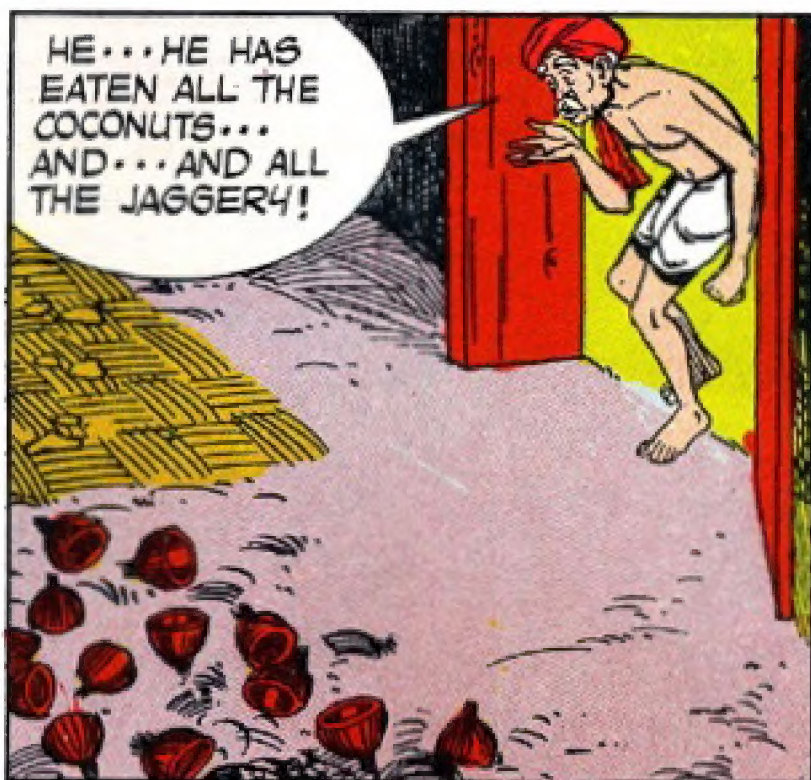
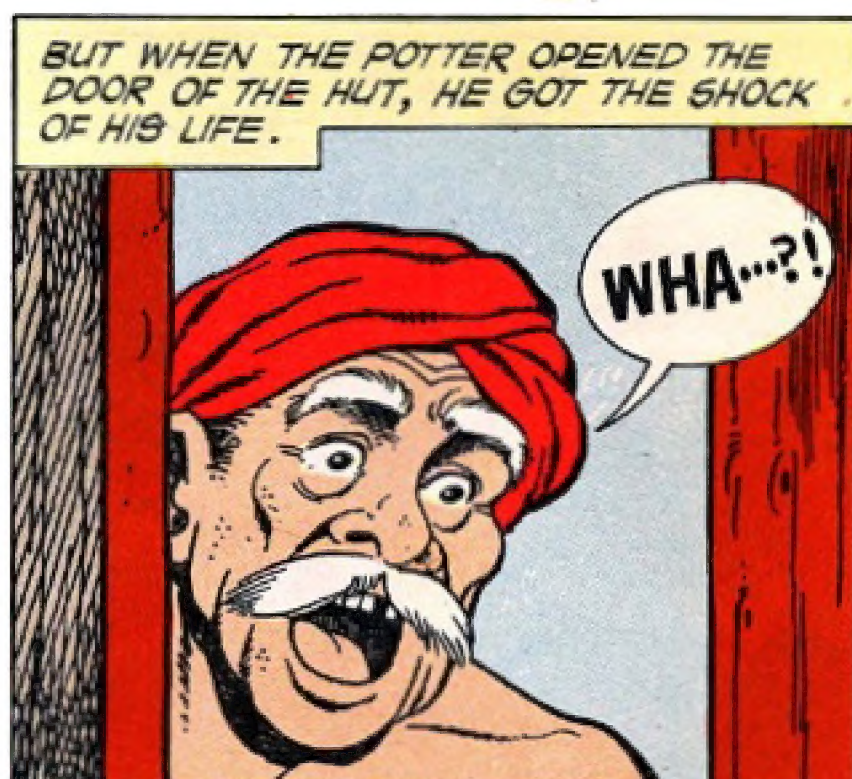




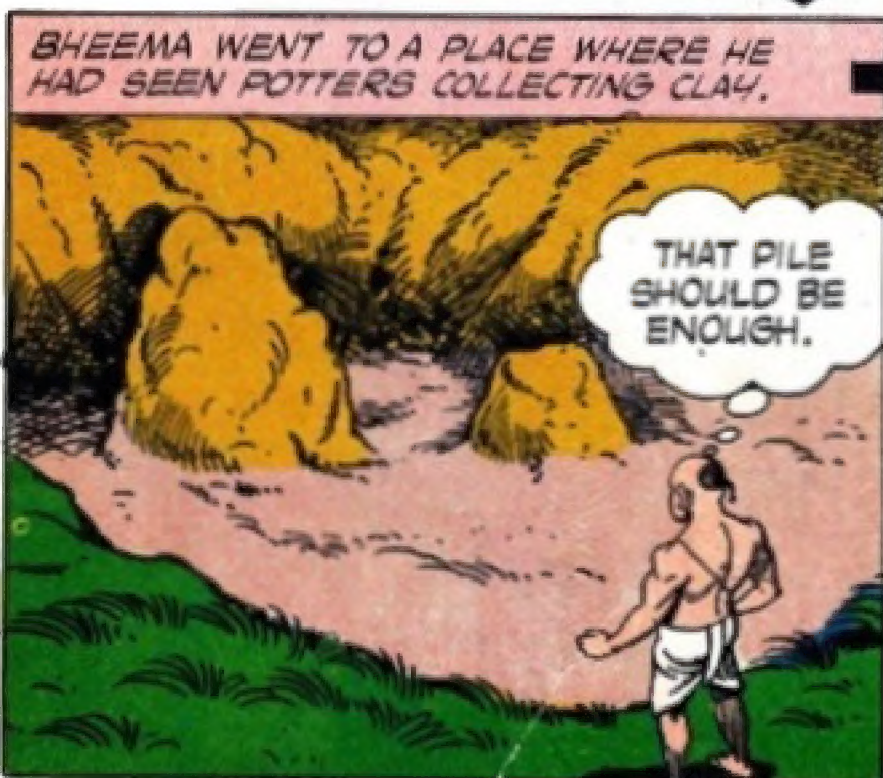
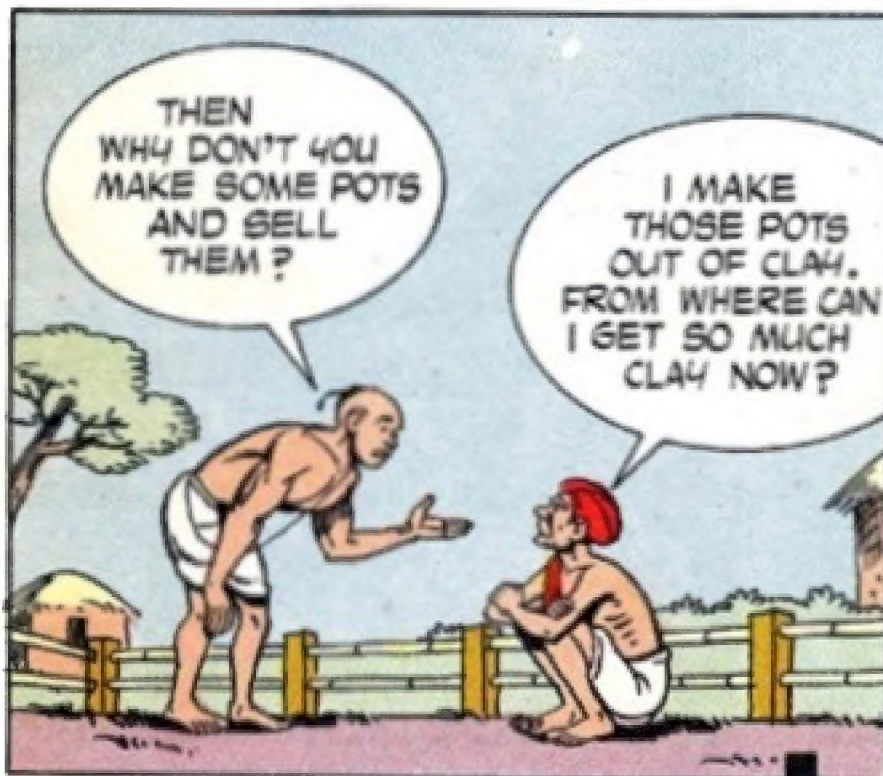
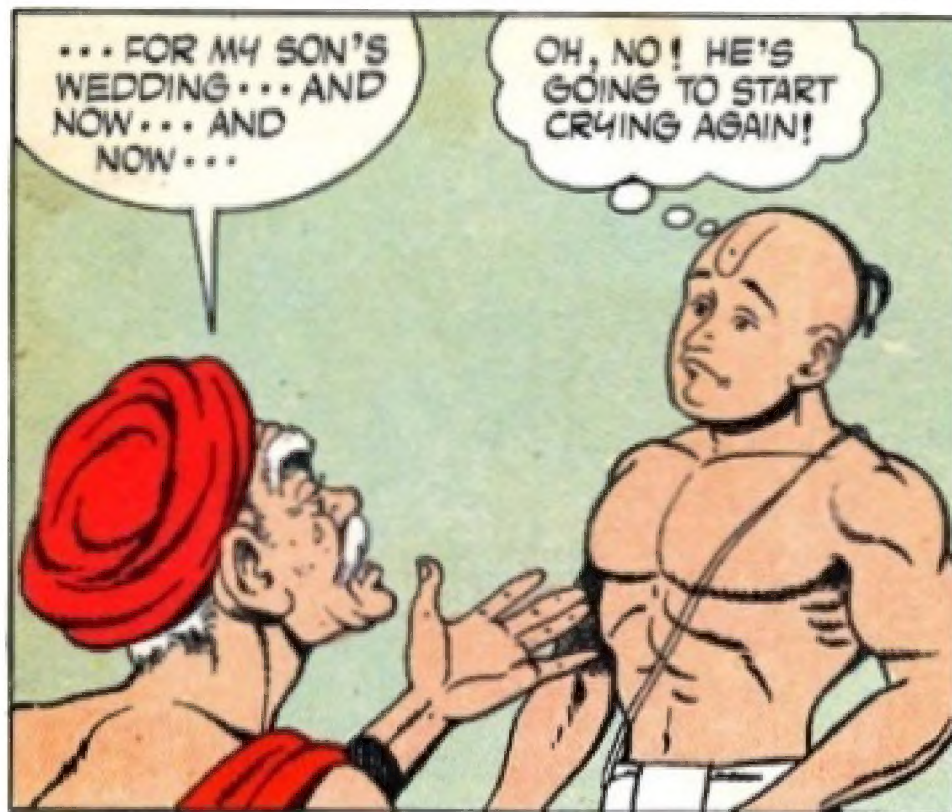




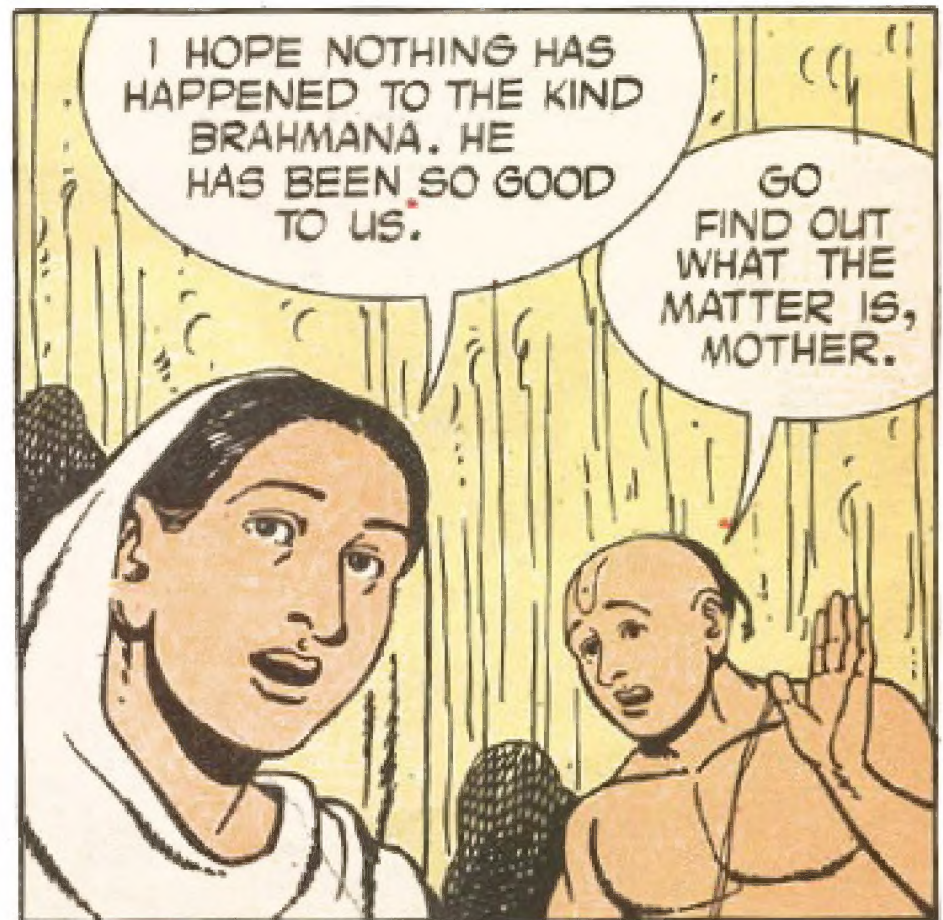
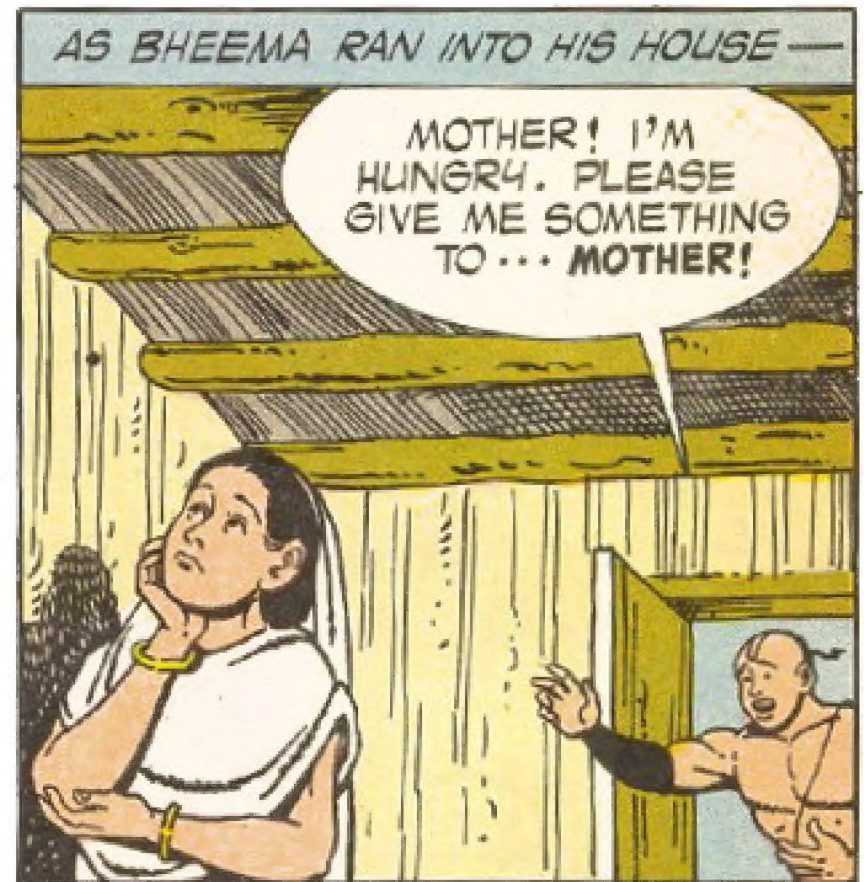
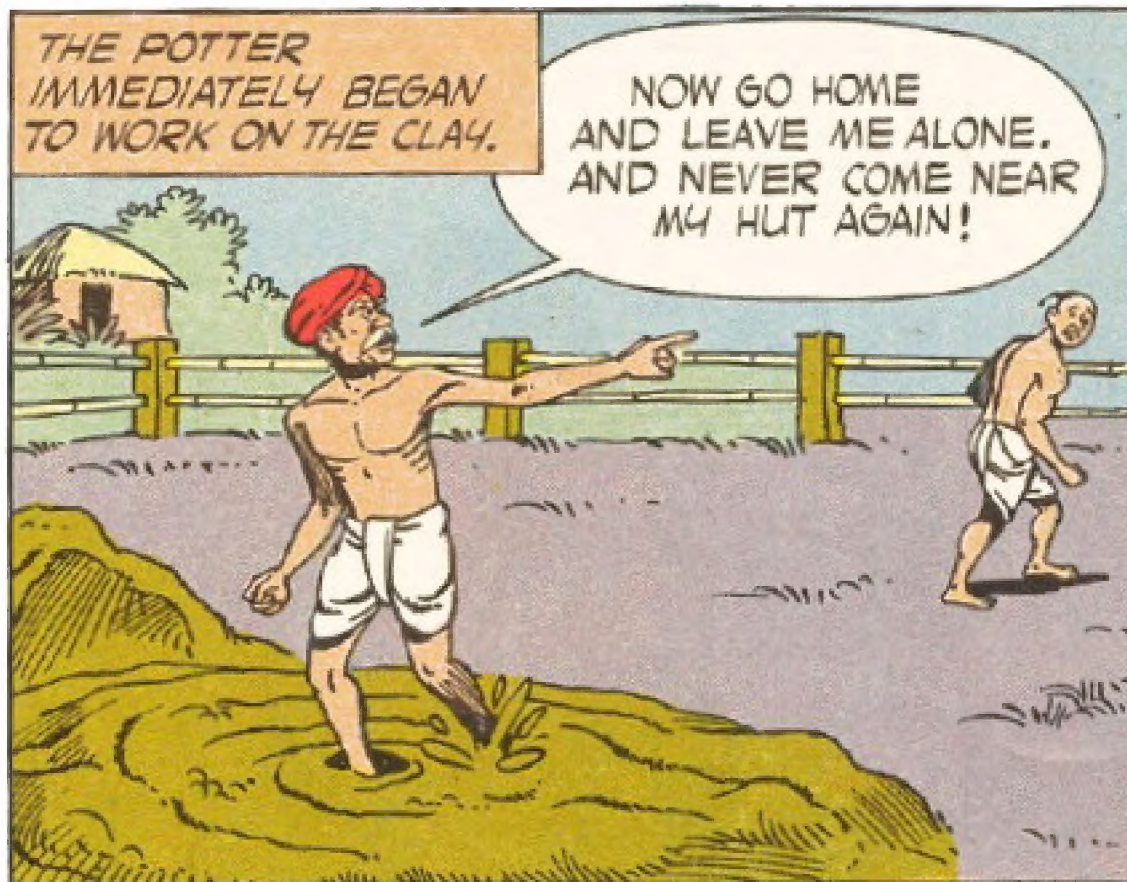
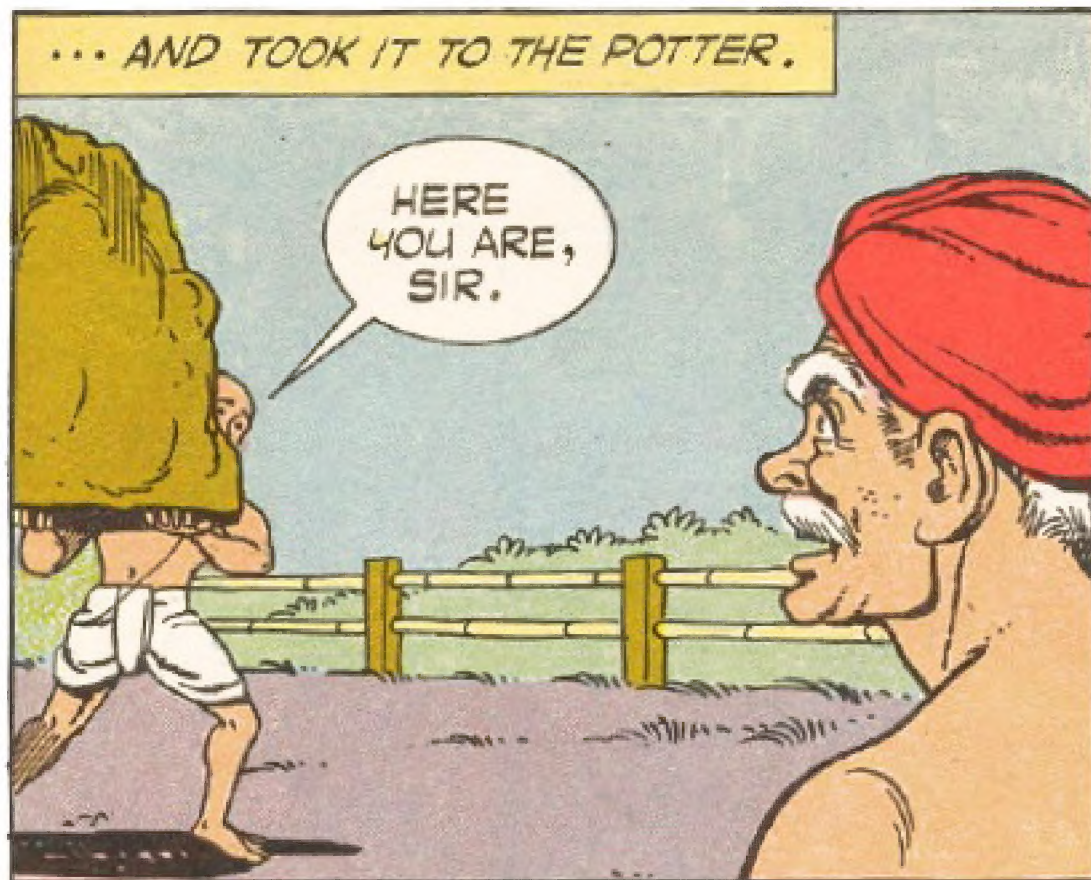




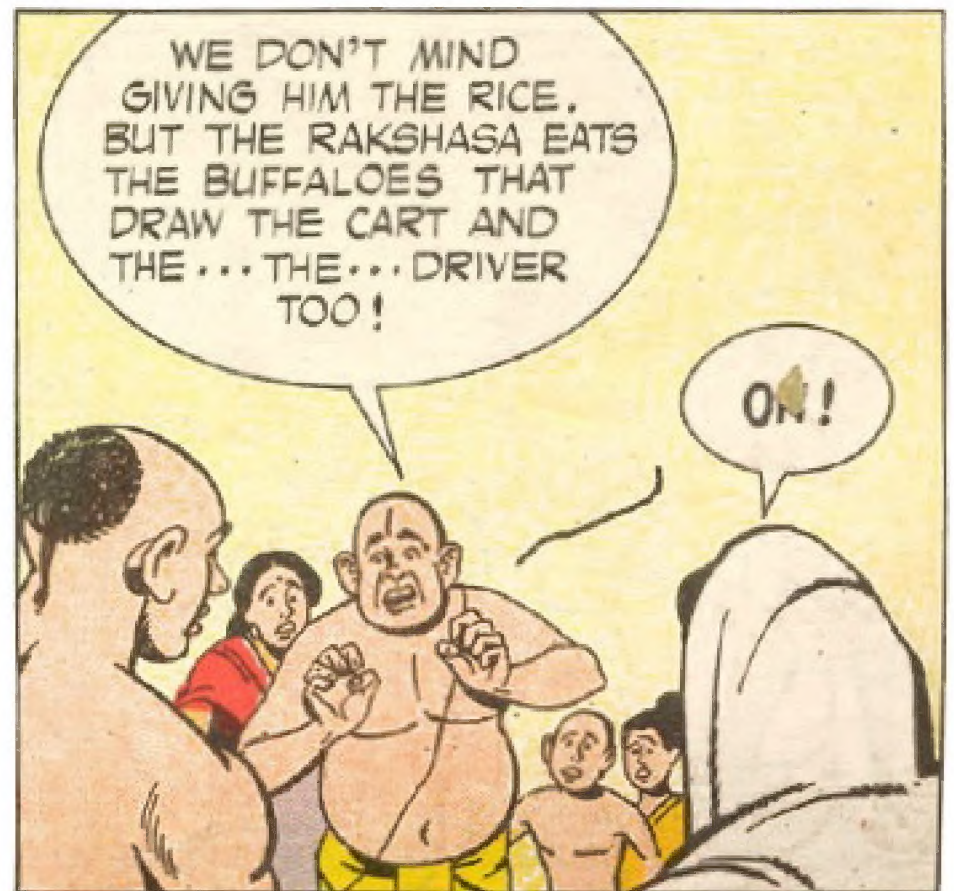
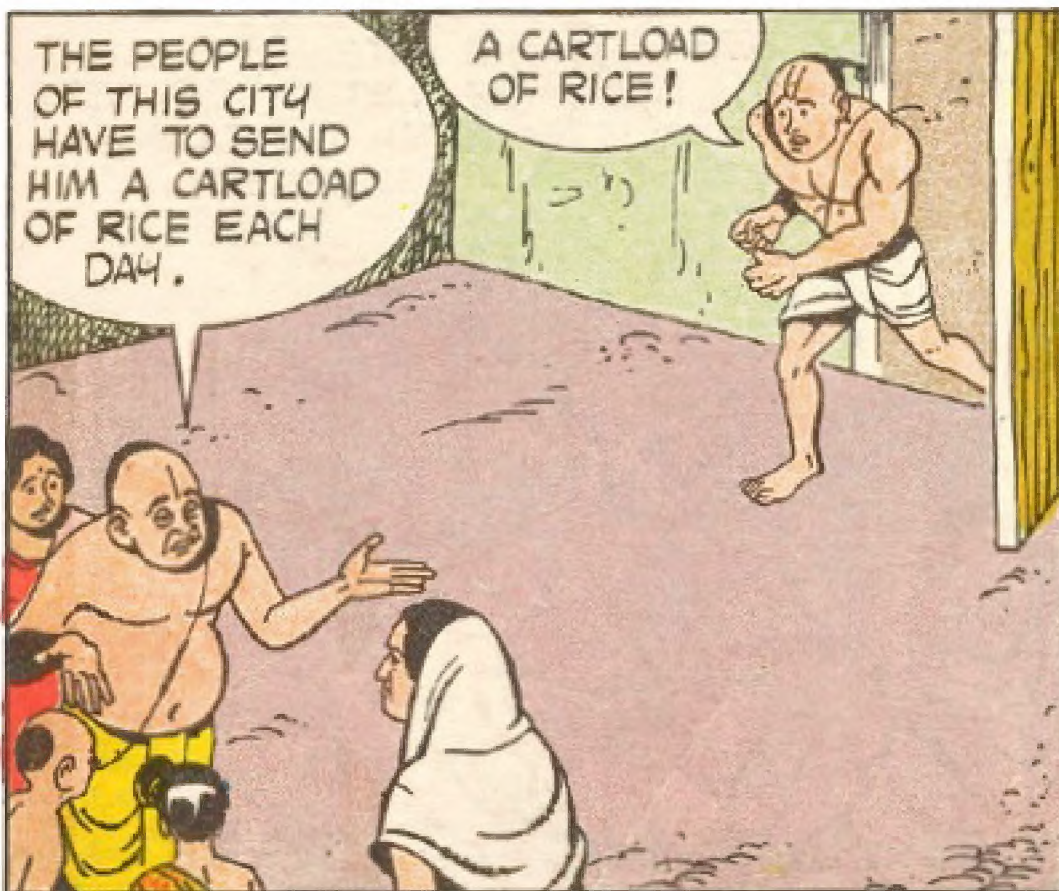
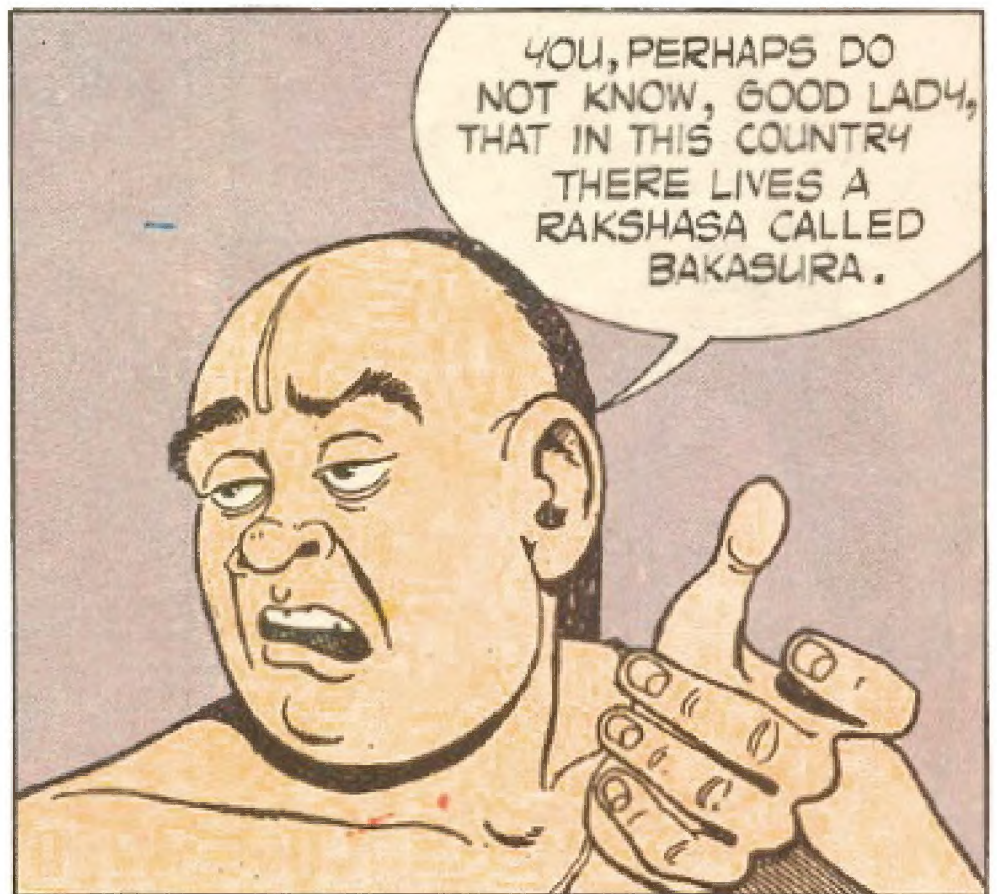
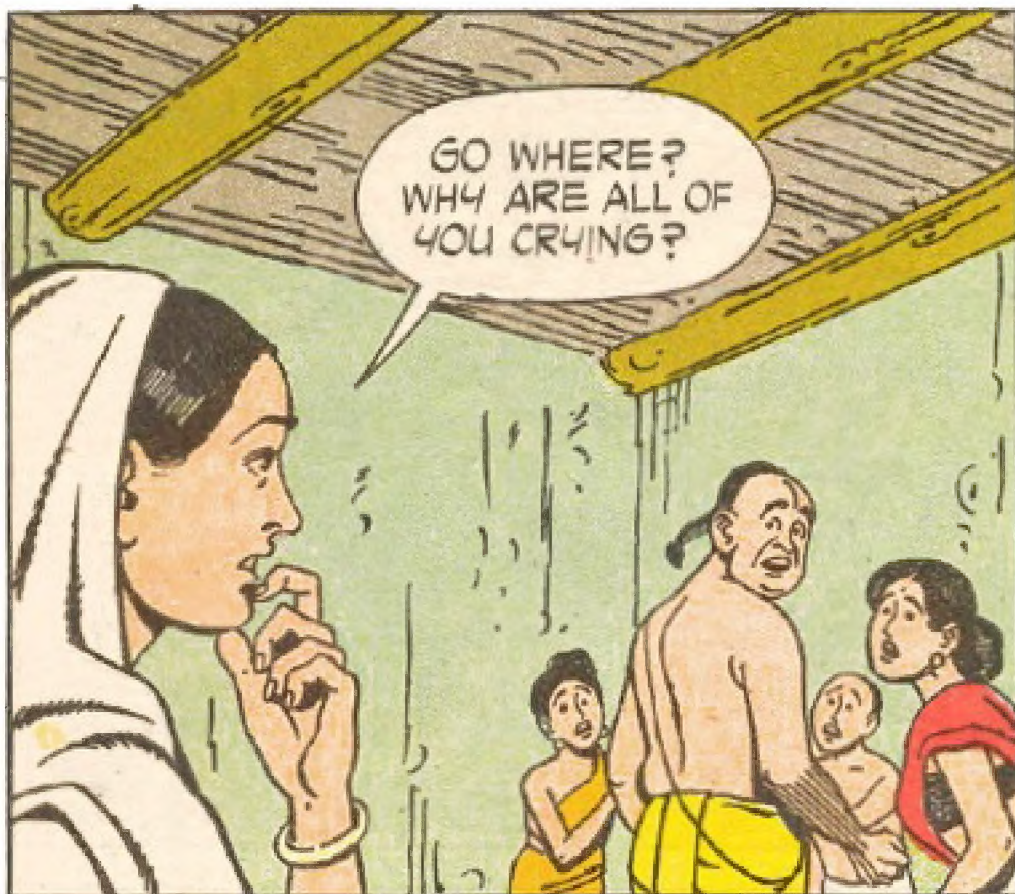
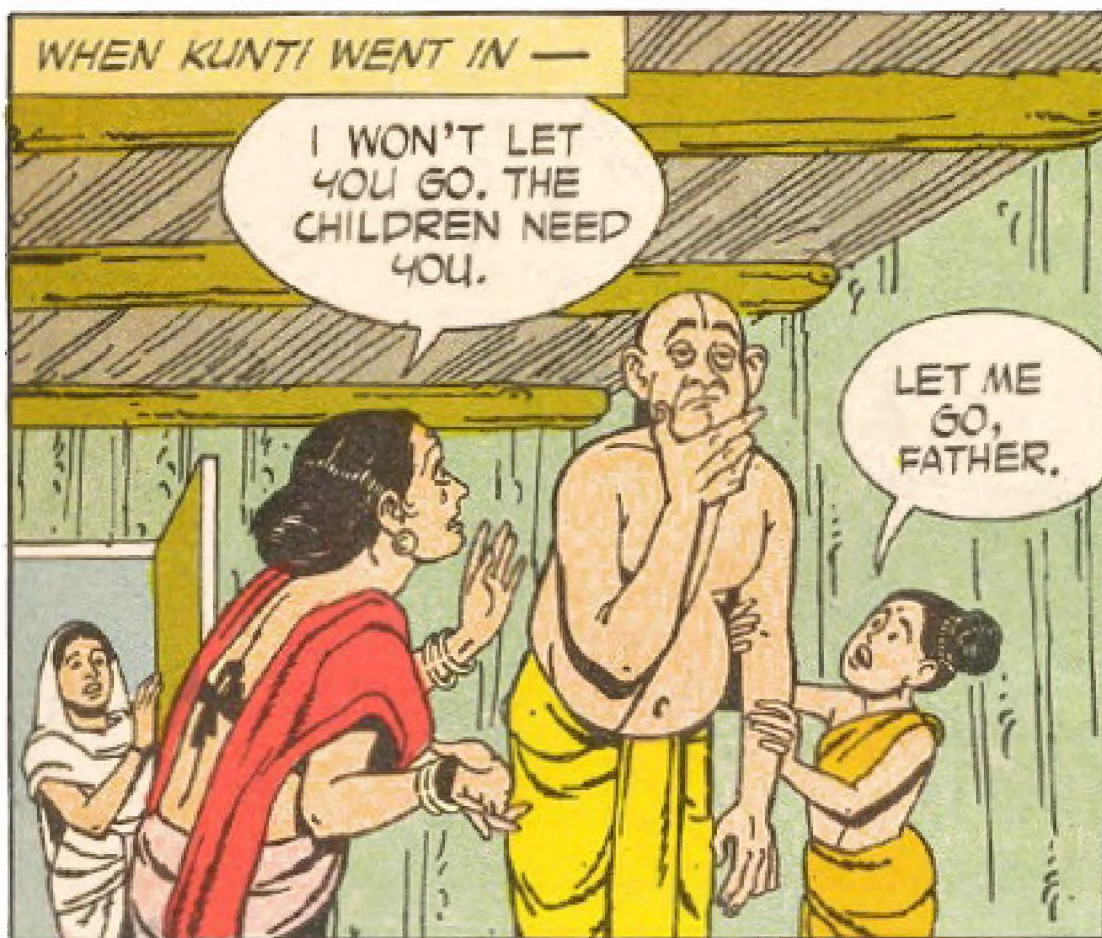




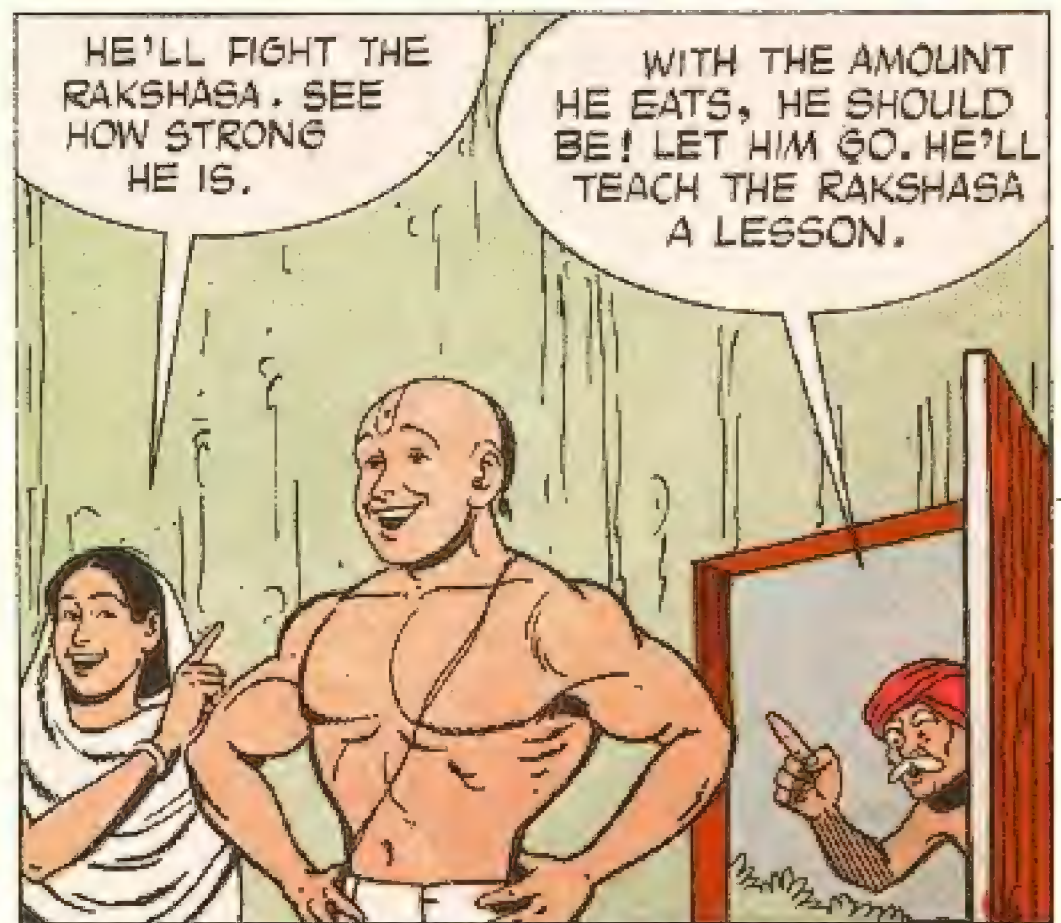
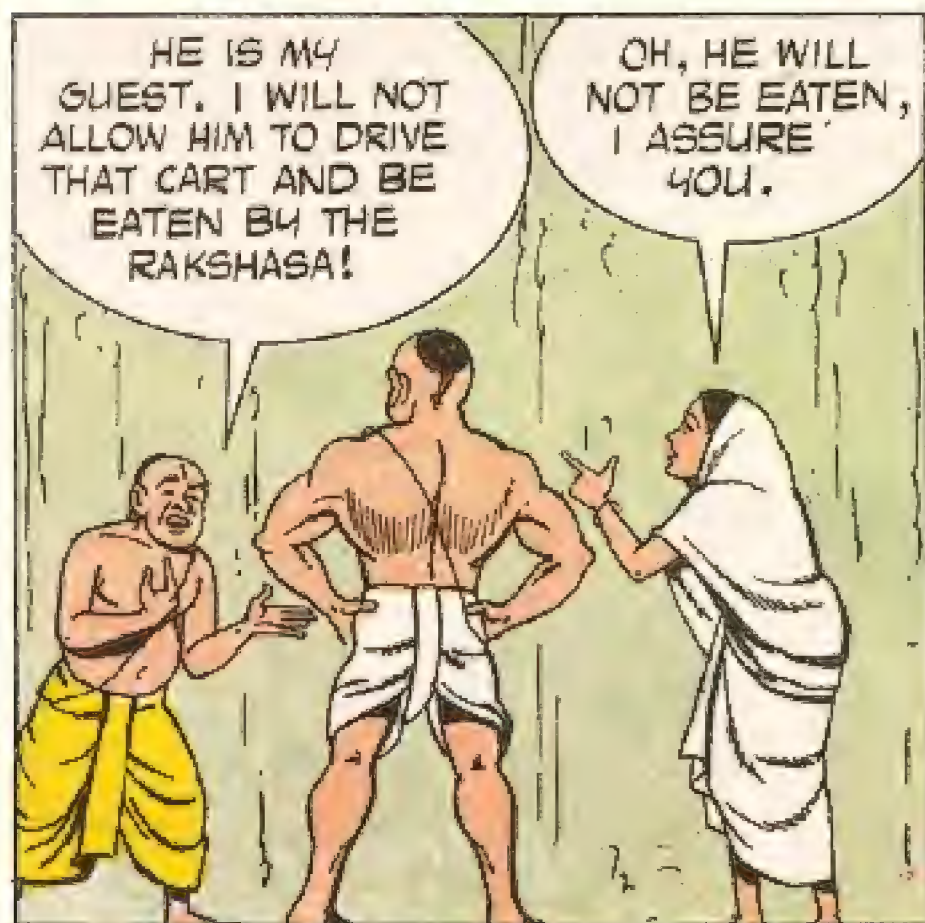
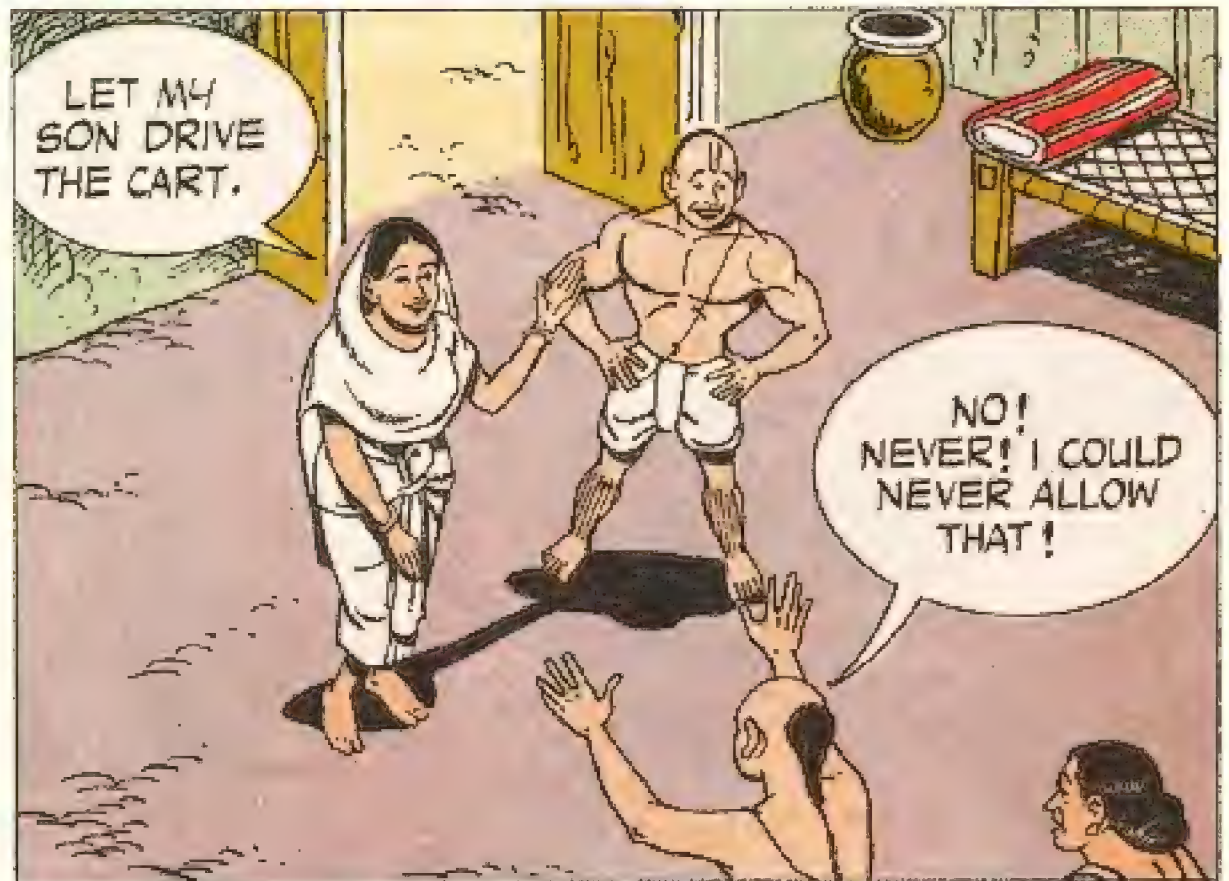
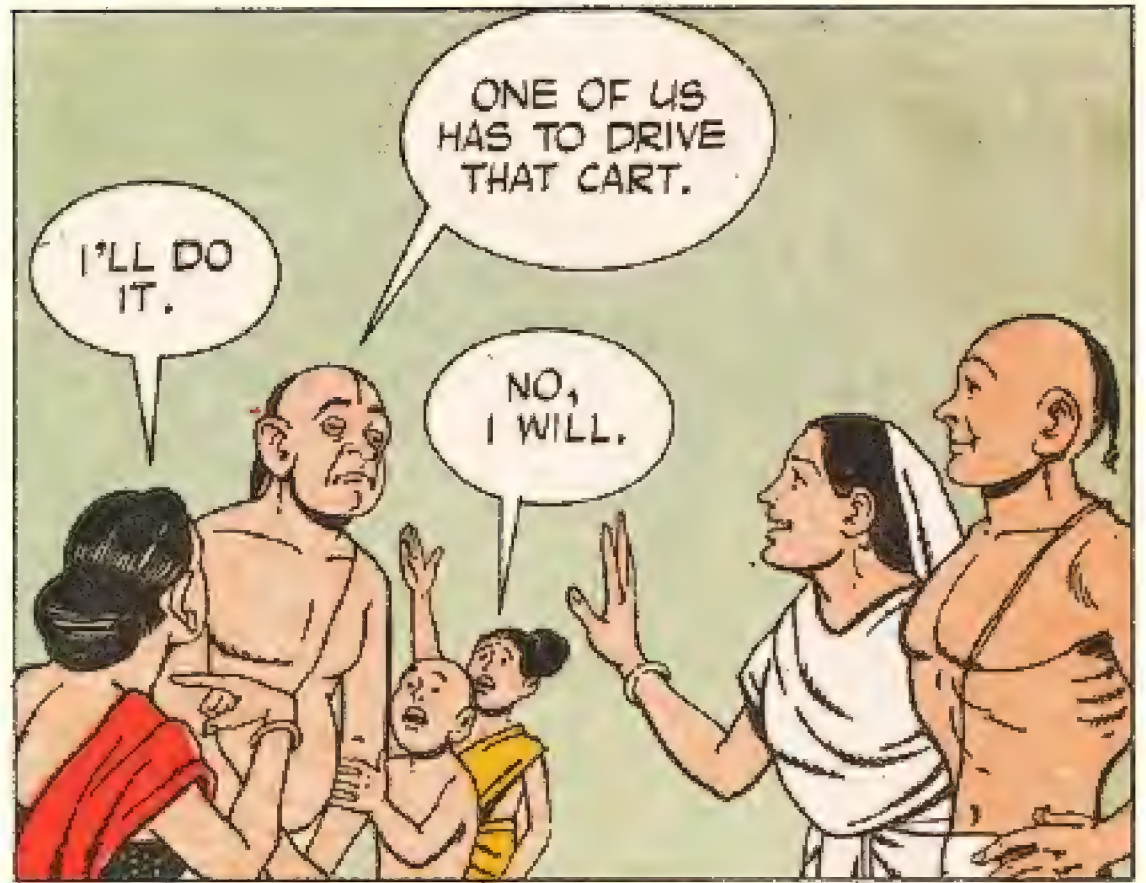
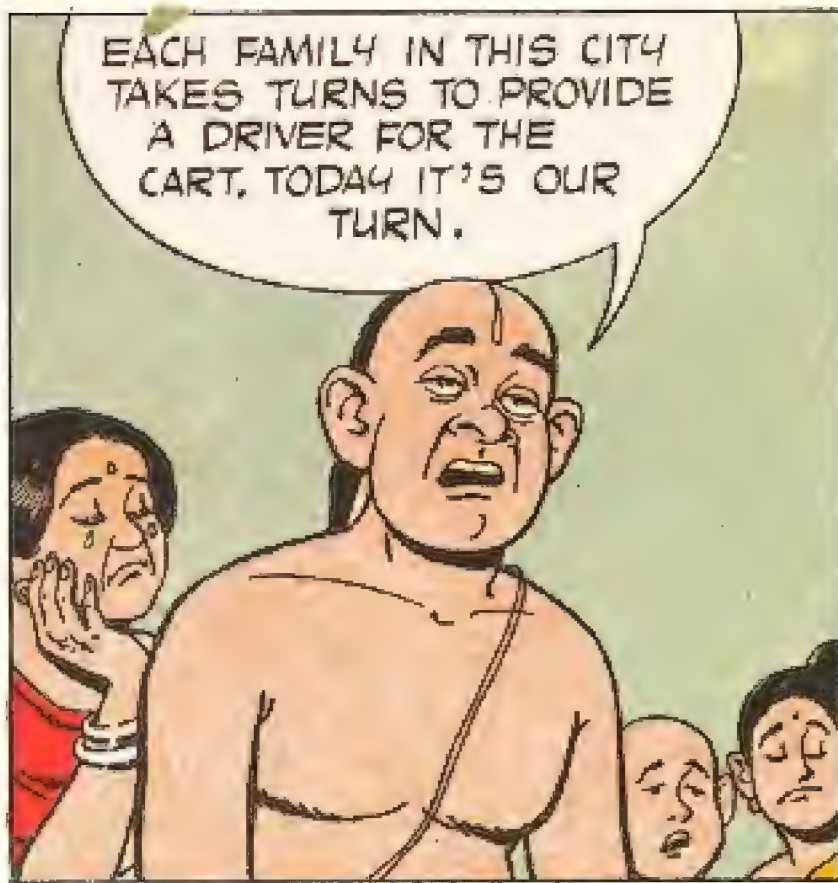














IN THE END THE BRAHMANA AGREED TO LET BHEEMA GO. BHEEMA SET OUT WITH THE CART.



HE WAS STILL WONDERING WHAT HE SHOULD DO WHEN HE REACHED THE FOREST IN WHICH THE RAKSHASA LIVED.



SUDDENLY —

HO! SO THERE YOU ARE! WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?

IT'S HIM.

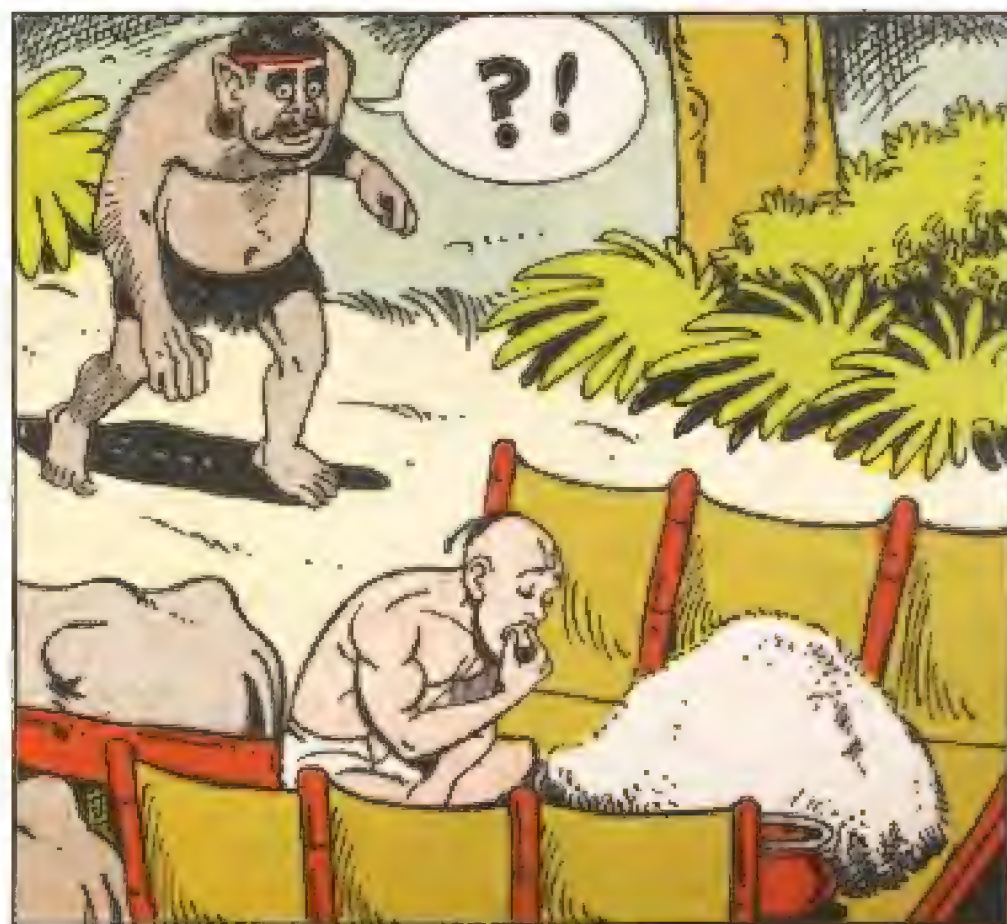


SPEAK UP!

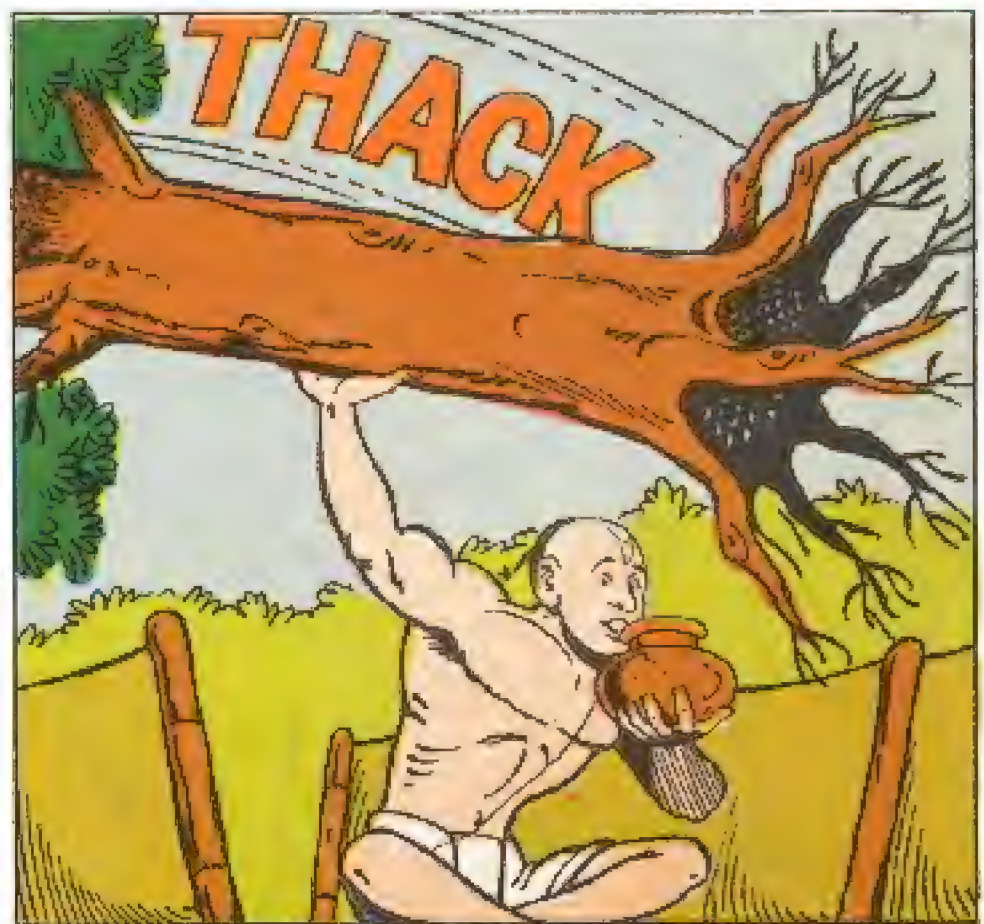
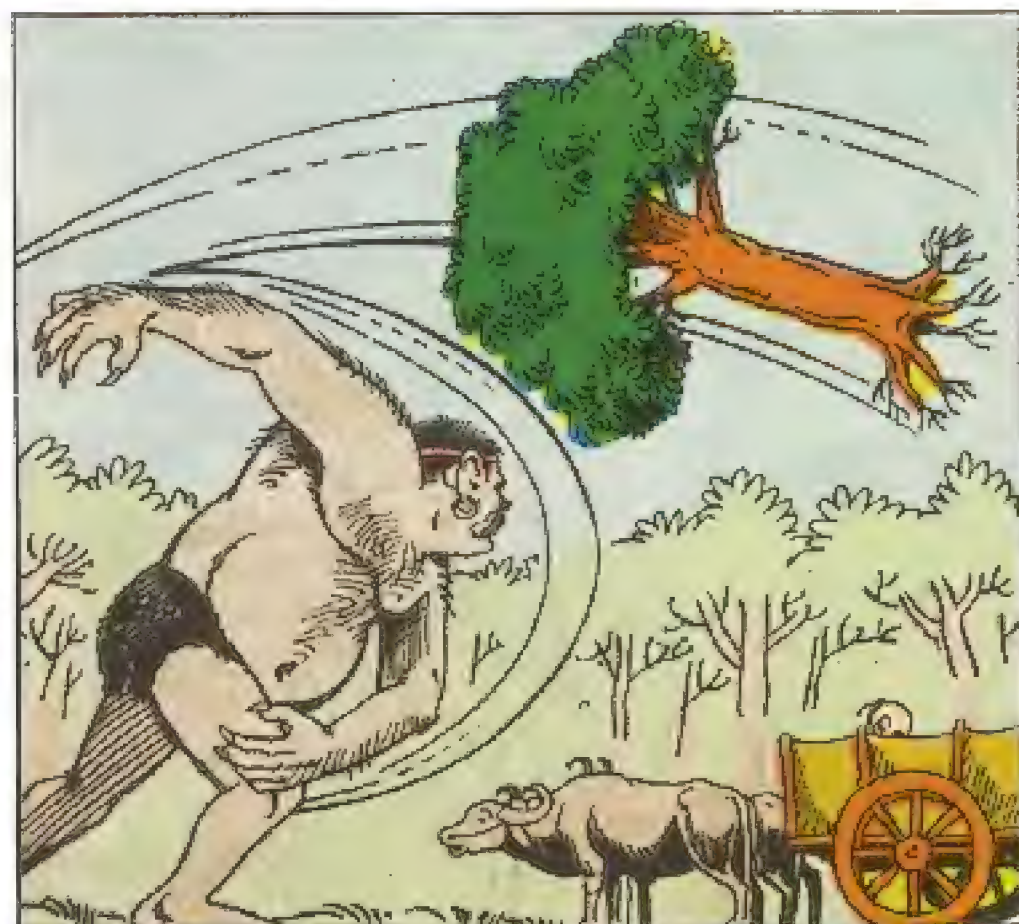
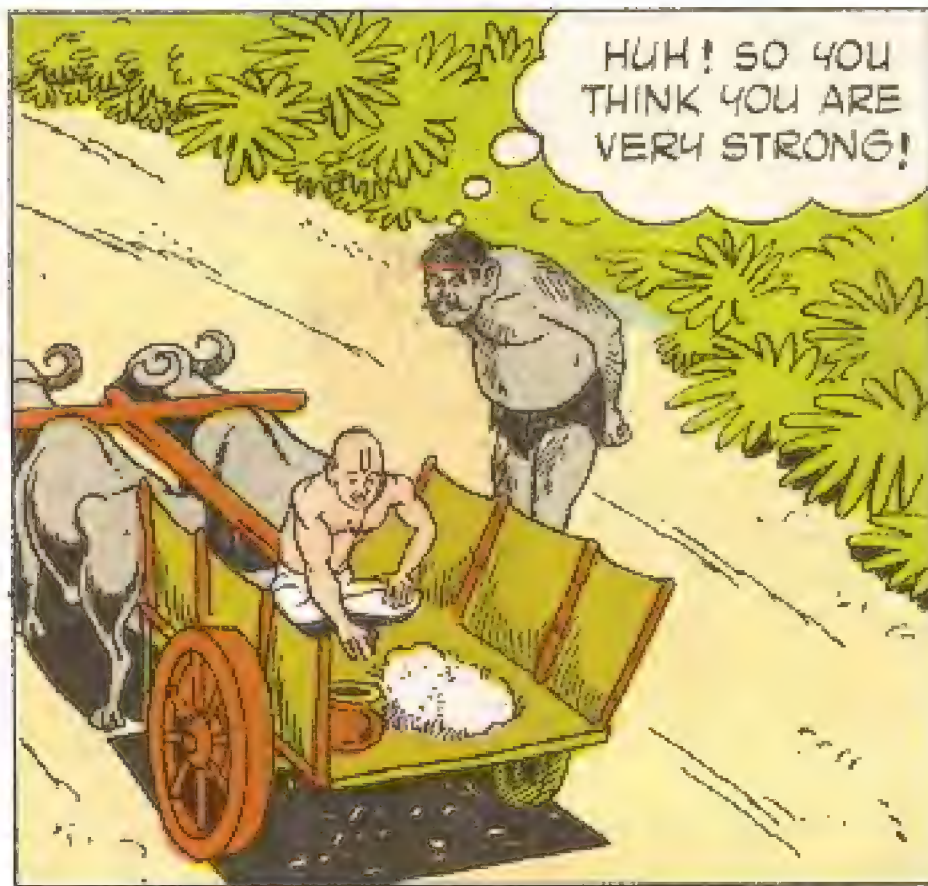
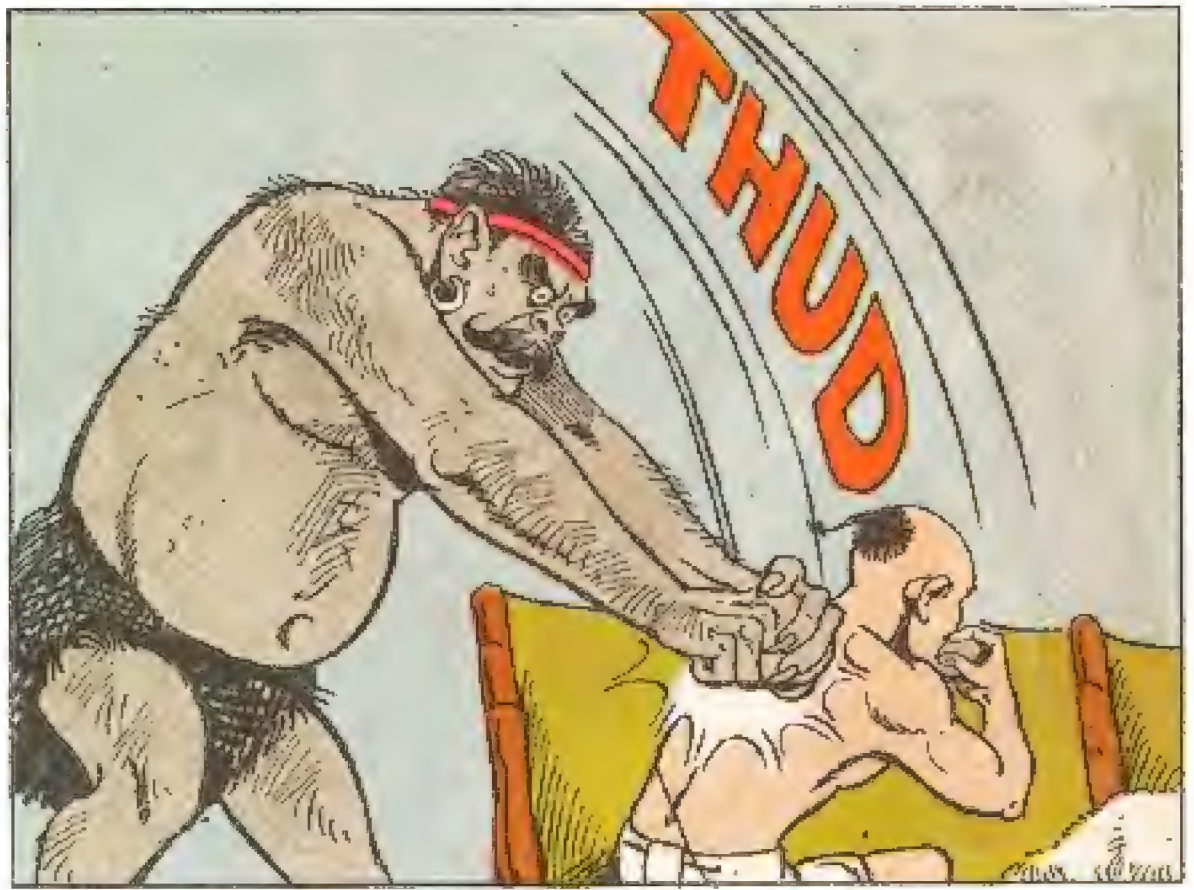
I'D BETTER EAT THE RICE BEFORE HE GOBBLES IT UP.



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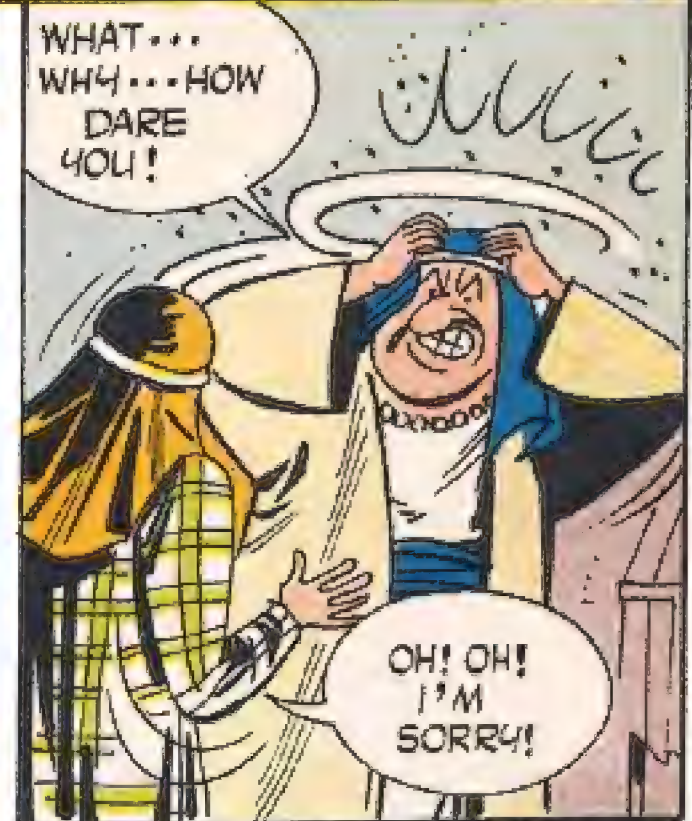
# Nasruddin Hodja

An Arabian  
Folktale

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Illustrations: Ram Waeerkar



ABOUT 500 YEARS AGO THERE LIVED AN ARAB CALLED NASRUDDIN HODJA. ONE DAY AS HE WAS WALKING ON THE STREET A MAN CAME UP BEHIND HIM.



WHAT...  
WHY...HOW  
DARE  
YOU!

OH! OH!  
I'M  
SORRY!



I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE SOMEONE  
ELSE!

YOU DID, DID YOU?  
YOU CAN TELL THAT  
TO THE JUDGE!  
I AM GOING TO  
COMPLAIN ABOUT  
YOU TO HIM.



HOWEVER, WHEN THE MAN WAS BROUGHT  
BEFORE THE JUDGE —

OH, IT'S HASAN!  
MY FRIEND!



DID YOU HIT  
THIS POOR  
MAN?

ER... YES, YOUR  
HONOUR!



THEN  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO PAY A FINE!  
YES! A FINE  
OF...

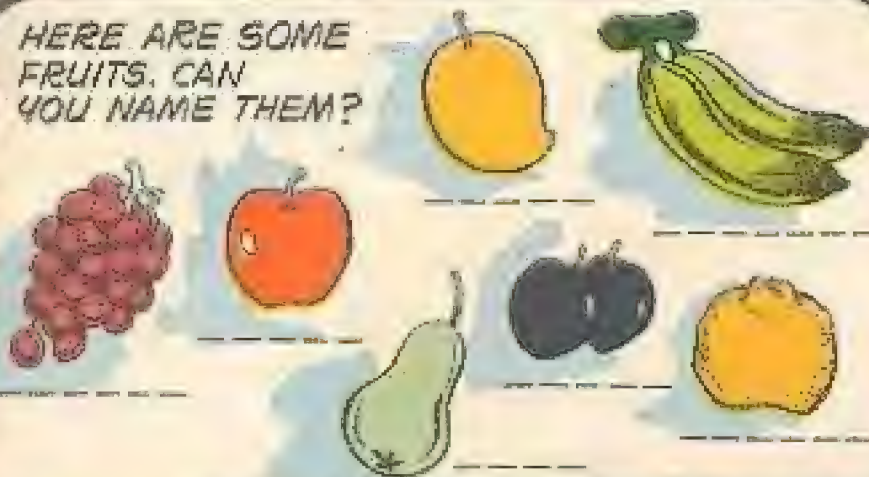




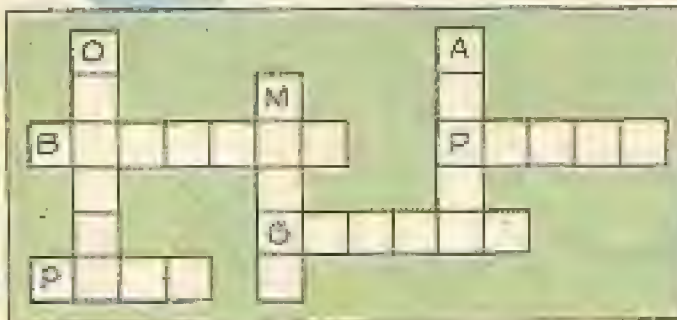


# TINKLE TRICKS & TREATS

HERE ARE SOME  
FRUITS. CAN  
YOU NAME THEM?

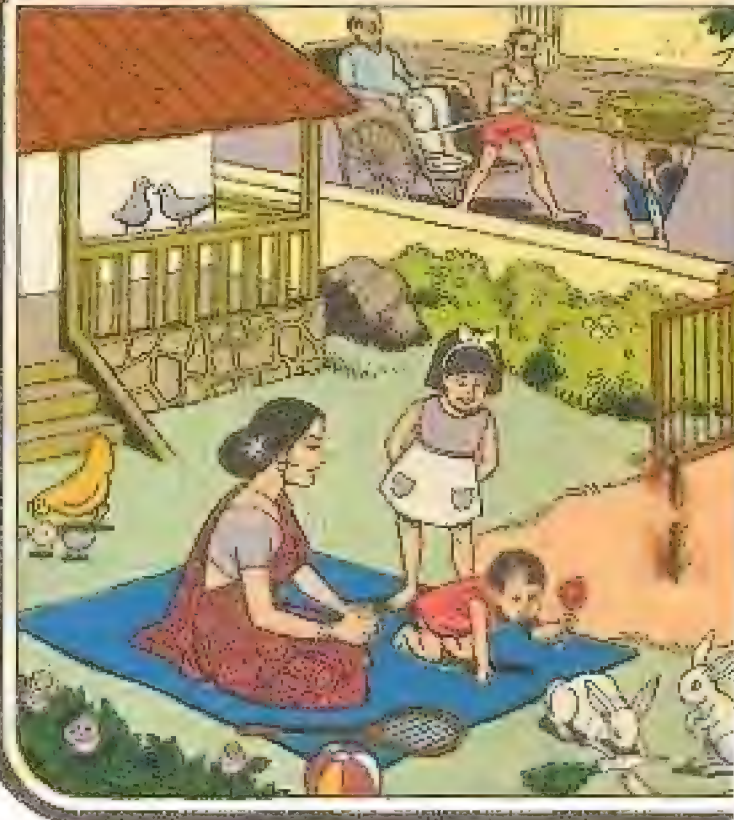


NOW FILL  
THEIR NAMES  
IN THE  
RIGHT  
SQUARES TO  
COMPLETE  
THE  
FRUIT-WORD



LOOK CAREFULLY AT THIS PICTURE, HOW  
FIND WHICH BEGIN WITH THE LETTER

2



3

THIS IS A LETTER A BOY  
WROTE TO HIS FRIEND WHO  
WAS ILL. HIS FRIEND FOUND  
IT GREAT FUN AND WANTS  
TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

5

D deep, heard ill and in .  
 will come and day if .  
But don't wait me. will soon   
all . Ch up and get soon.  
Yours,

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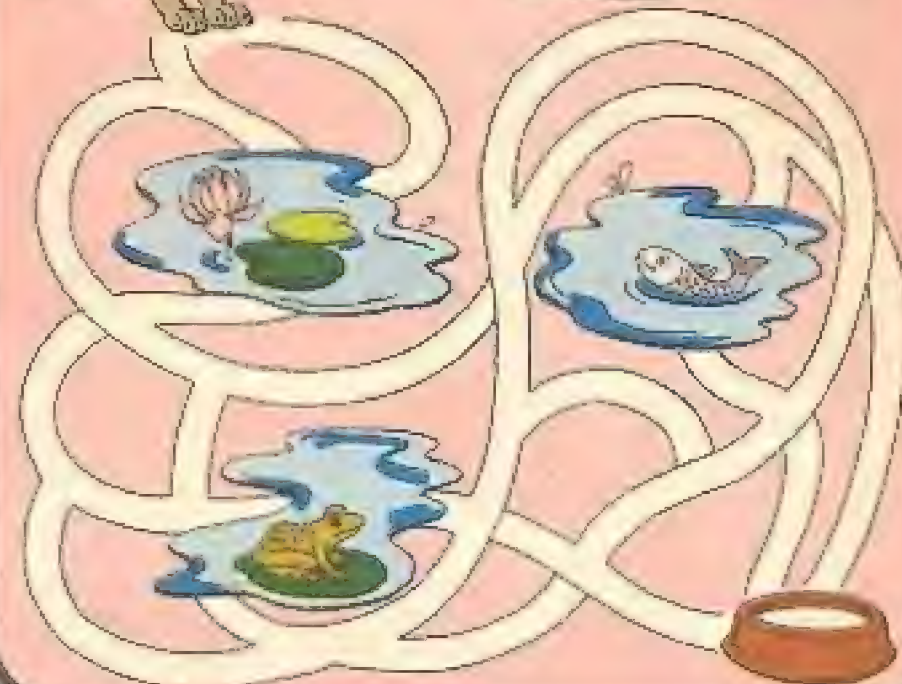
4. HOW MANY THINGS CAN YOU  
ENTER **R**?



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WHAT SHALL I DO?  
CAN YOU HELP ME TO  
REACH THE BOWL OF MILK  
WITHOUT GETTING MY  
FEET WET?



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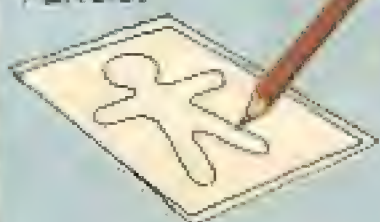
## MAKE YOURSELF AN ACROBATIC DOLL

YOU WILL NEED: A PIECE OF CELLOPHANE PAPER 2" X 3",  
A PIECE OF TISSUE PAPER 2" X 3",  
A PAIR OF SCISSORS,  
A PENCIL.

PLACE A PIECE OF  
TISSUE PAPER ON  
THIS DOLL.



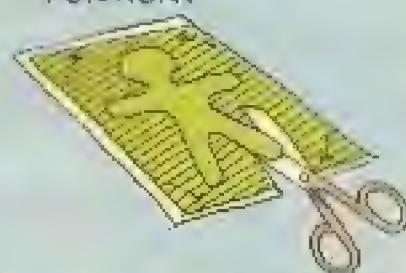
TRACE OUT THE  
OUTLINE OF THE  
DOLL WITH A  
PENCIL.



REMOVE THE TRACING  
AND PIN IT TO THE  
CELLOPHANE  
PAPER.



NOW CUT AWAY  
THE SHADED  
PORTION.



PLACE THE ACROBAT  
ON YOUR PALM AND  
SEE FOR YOURSELF  
THE TRICKS HE  
PERFORMS.



A  
HUNDRED  
PRIZES  
TO BE  
WON!

Solutions in the next issue.

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# HOW AIR TRAVEL BEGAN

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MAN HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO FLY. IN THE RAMAYANA, WE READ ABOUT CHILD HANUMAN WHO FLEW TOWARDS THE SUN.



THERE IS AN OLD GREEK STORY OF A FATHER AND SON WHO FLEW INTO THE SKY. THE WINGS WERE STUCK ON WITH WAX.



ABOUT A THOUSAND YEARS AGO A BRITISH MONK ATTACHED FEATHERS TO HIS ARMS...



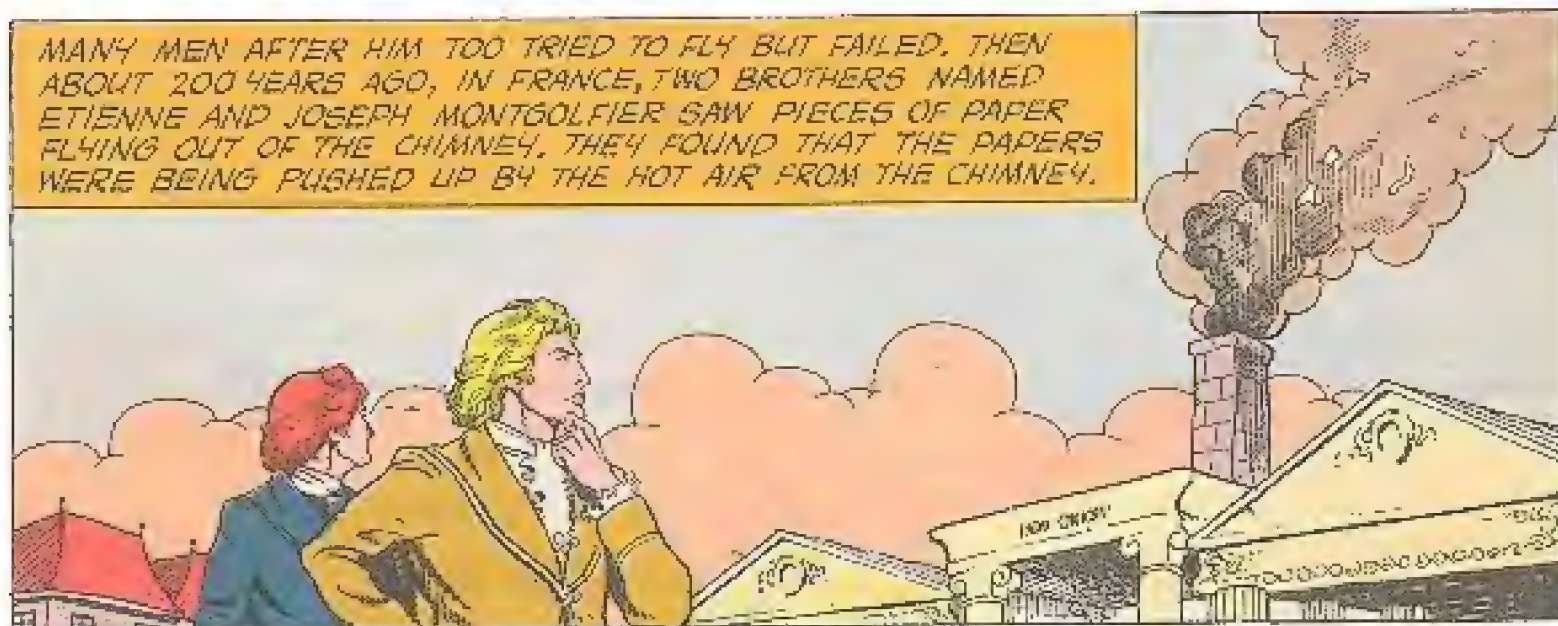
...AND JUMPED FROM A TOWER. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO FLY BY FLAPPING HIS ARMS AROUND!



BUT OF COURSE, HE FELL LIKE A STONE.

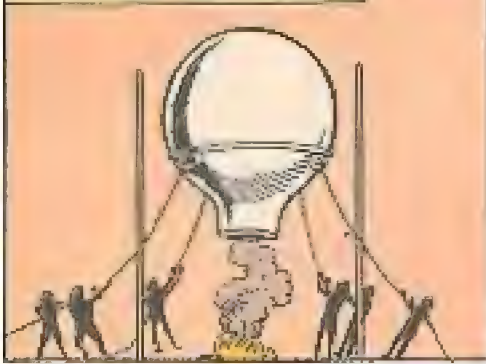


MANY MEN AFTER HIM TOO TRIED TO FLY BUT FAILED. THEN ABOUT 200 YEARS AGO, IN FRANCE, TWO BROTHERS NAMED ETIENNE AND JOSEPH MONTGOLFIER SAW PIECES OF PAPER FLYING OUT OF THE CHIMNEY. THEY FOUND THAT THE PAPERS WERE BEING PUSHED UP BY THE HOT AIR FROM THE CHIMNEY.

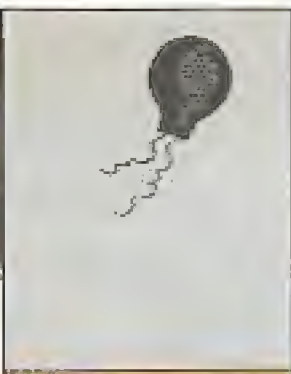




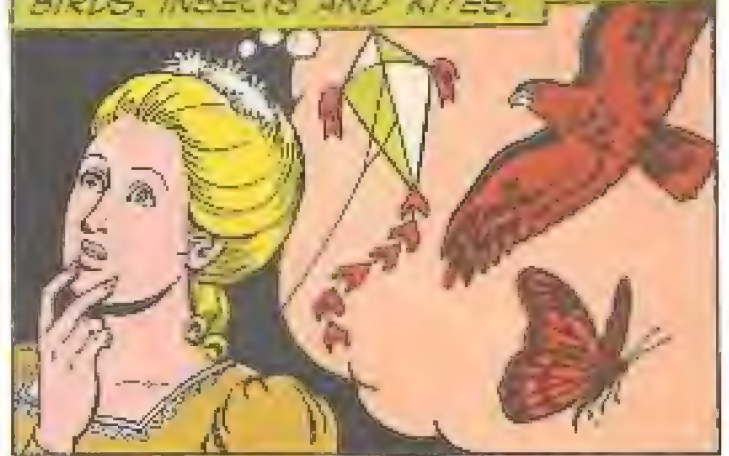
SO THEY MADE A BALLOON OF COTTON CLOTH LINED WITH PAPER AND FILLED IT WITH HOT AIR BY BURNING WOOL AND STRAW NEAR ITS MOUTH.



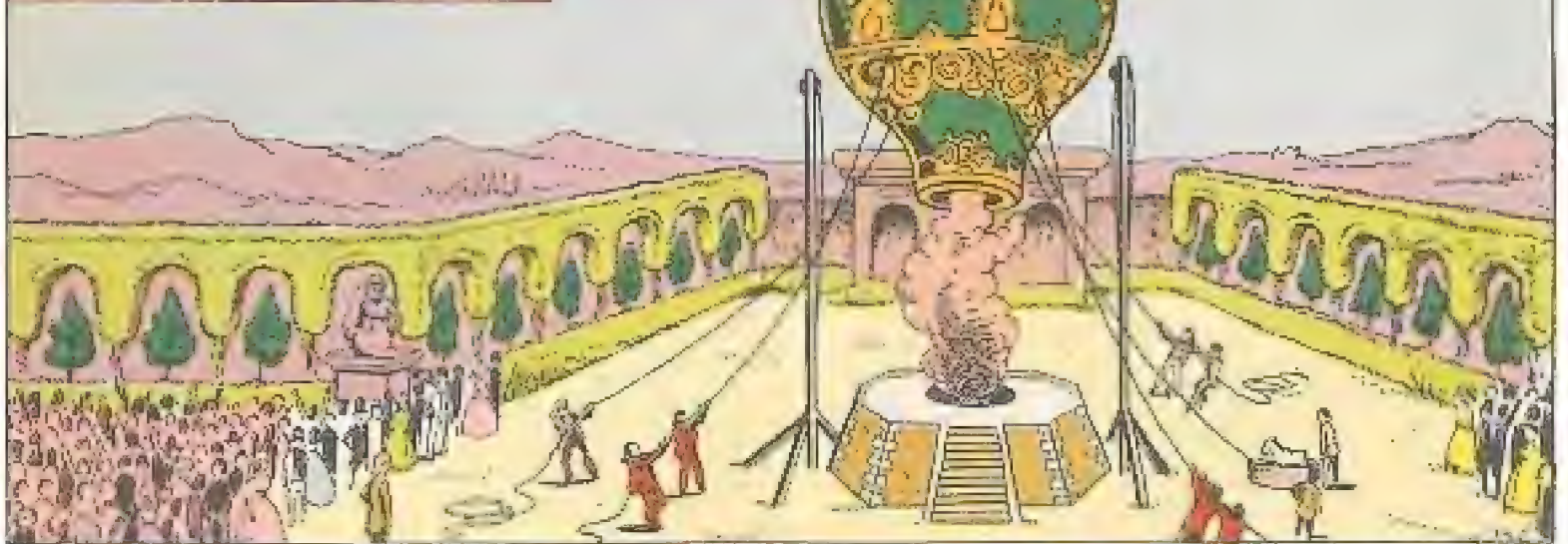
WHEN THEY LET IT GO, THE HOT AIR LIFTED UP THE BALLOON TO A HEIGHT OF ALMOST 6000 FT.



THE PEOPLE WHO WATCHED THE SIGHT WERE ASTONISHED. TILL THEN THE ONLY FLYING OBJECTS THEY HAD SEEN WERE BIRDS, INSECTS AND KITES.



A FEW MONTHS LATER, THE BROTHERS DECIDED TO SEND UP ANOTHER BALLOON. BUT THIS ONE WOULD CARRY PASSENGERS—A SHEEP, A COCK AND A DUCK!



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE KING OF FRANCE, CAME TO WATCH THE EXCITING EVENT.



THE BALLOON WENT UP AND FLOATED THERE FOR EIGHT MINUTES.



THEN IT GOT ENTANGLED IN THE BRANCHES OF A TREE.



THE ROPE WHICH TIED THE BASKET TO THE BALLOON SNAPPED.



AND THE BASKET FELL. ALL THE ANIMALS WERE ALIVE. BUT THE FRIGHTENED SHEEP STEPPED ON THE COCK AND BROKE HIS WING!



THE NEXT STAGE WAS TO SEND A MAN UP IN THE BALLOON. THIS WAS DONE ON NOVEMBER 21, 1783, NOT ONE BUT TWO MEN. PILATRE DE ROZIER AND COUNT D'ARLANDES, WENT UP IN THE BALLOON.

THE BALLOON TOOK OFF FROM PARIS...



... AND CAME DOWN IN A FIELD FIVE MILES AWAY FROM THE CITY.

THAT SAME YEAR ANOTHER FRENCHMAN, PROFESSOR J. CHARLES TOO WENT UP IN A BALLOON. THIS BALLOON HOWEVER WAS NOT FILLED WITH HOT AIR BUT WITH HYDROGEN GAS.



PROFESSOR CHARLES FLEW UP TO A HEIGHT OF 10,000 FT.



WHEN HE WANTED TO COME DOWN, HE SLOWLY LET OUT THE GAS.



BALLOONING SOON BECAME A CRAZE ALL OVER THE WORLD. IN COURSE OF TIME, THESE EARLY BALLOONS WERE REPLACED BY DIRIGIBLES OR BALLOONS WHICH COULD BE STEERED. PEOPLE BEGAN TO TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN THESE DIRIGIBLES. THEY EVEN TRAVELLED ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN THEM!



BUT WHEN THE AEROPLANE WAS INVENTED, BALLOONS SLOWLY WENT OUT OF FASHION. THEY ARE STILL USED TODAY, HOWEVER, TO MAKE SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATIONS AND TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT EVENTS OR ABOUT THINGS THEY COULD BUY.

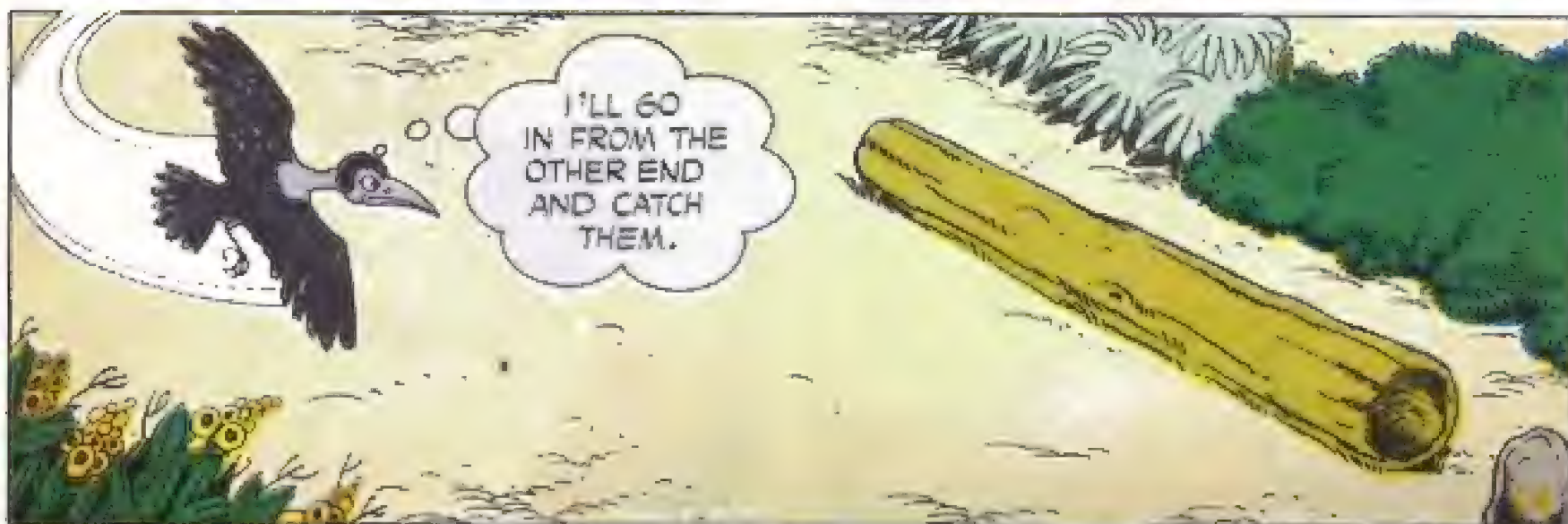




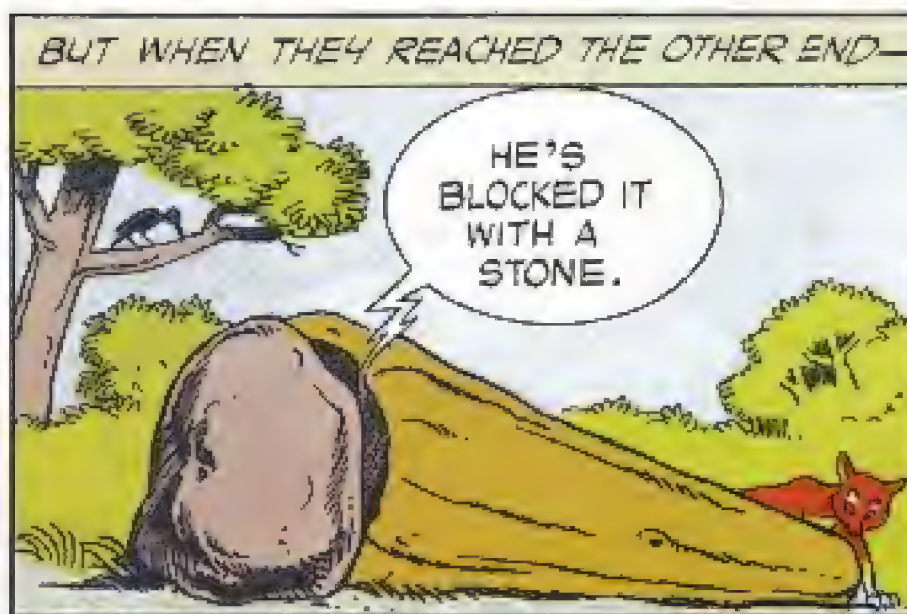
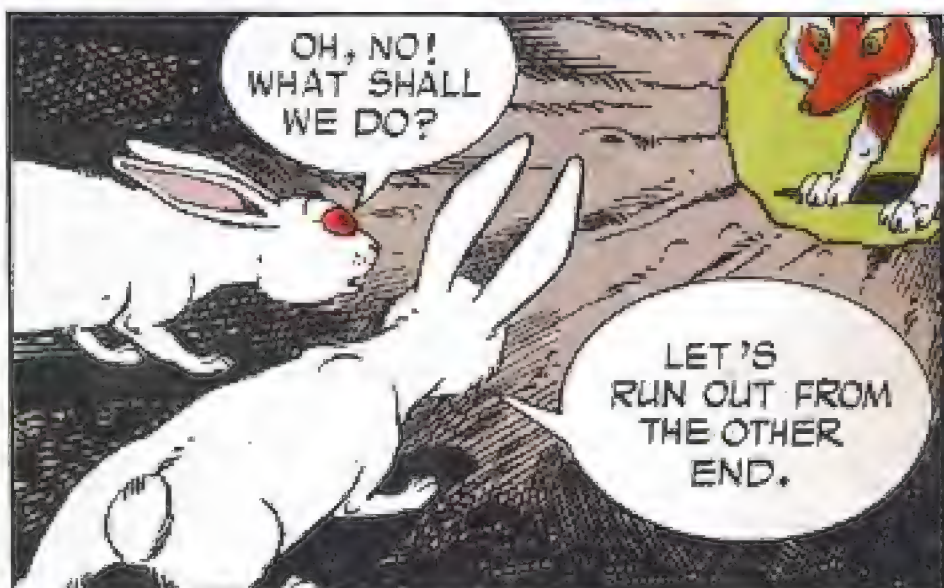
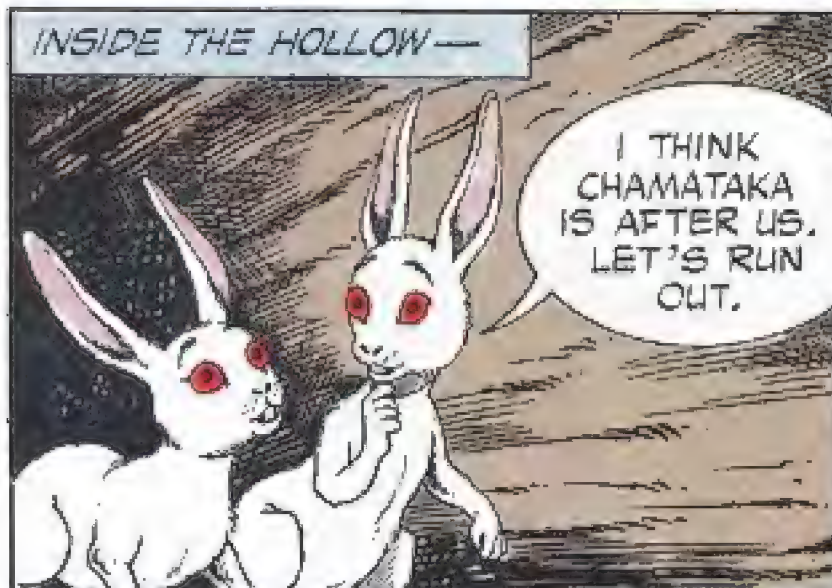
# Kalia THE CROW

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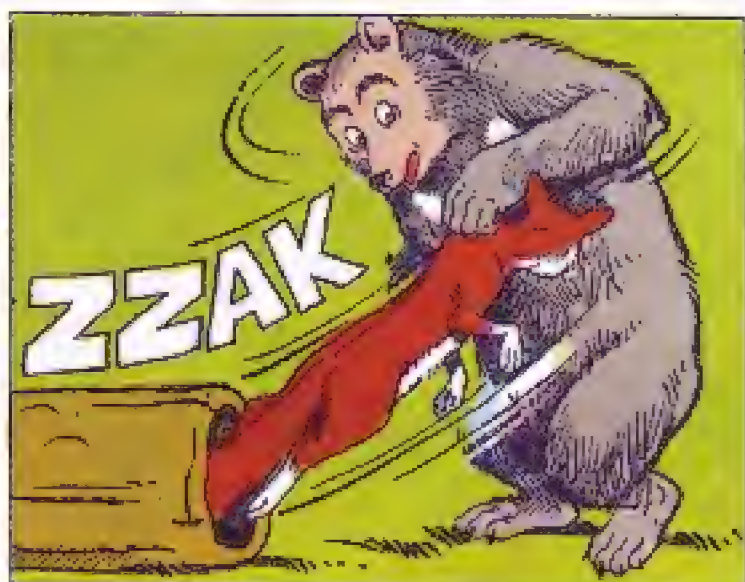
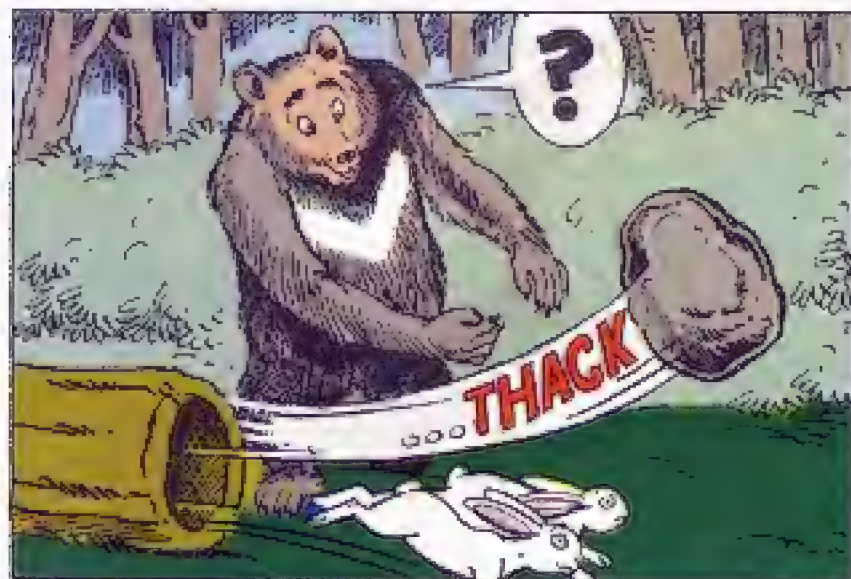




AND INDEED, KALIA WAS DOING HIS BEST.









# MEET THE SQUIRREL

Based on the material provided by Nandini Deshmukh

Script: Illustrations:  
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HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED A SQUIRREL?

ONE LEAP TAKES HIM ALMOST FOUR FEET UP THE TRUNK OF A TREE. WILL HE SLIP AND FALL?



NOT WITH SUCH SHARP CLAWS!



ISN'T HE CUTE NOW NIBBLING AWAY AT THE MANGO...



...NOW GRINDING HIS SHARP FRONT TEETH?



IF HE DOES NOT DO IT, THESE TEETH WILL GROW LONGER THAN HIS BUSHY TAIL!



WHAT A NASTY THING TO DO!

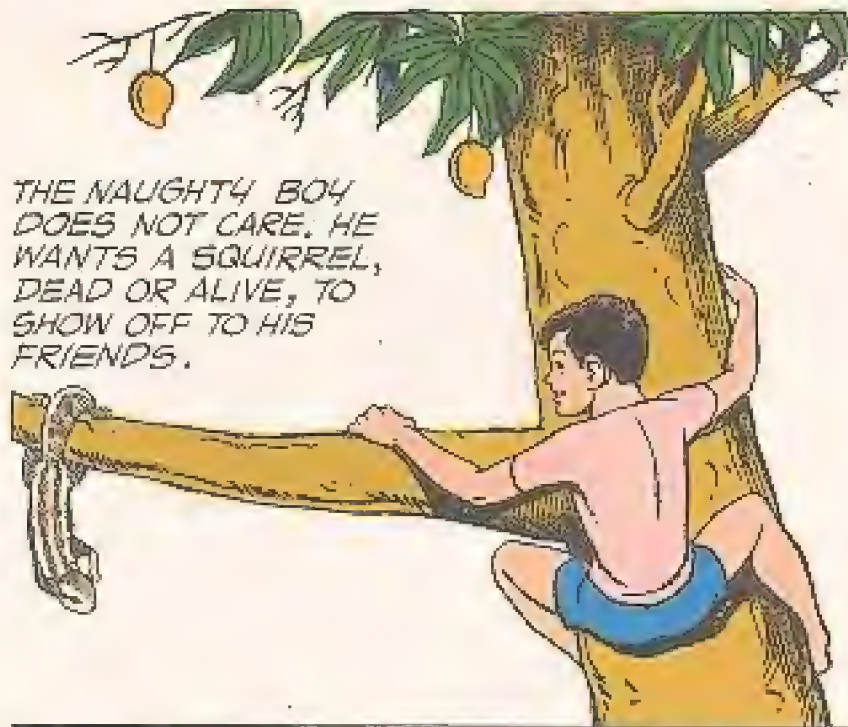
OUR SQUIRREL'S EYES ARE HALF-CLOSED AND HE IS HANGING UPSIDE DOWN. IS HE...DEAD?

HEY! WHAT IS THIS BOY UP TO? HE'S OUT TO HIT OUR SQUIRREL!





THE NAUGHTY BOY DOES NOT CARE. HE WANTS A SQUIRREL, DEAD OR ALIVE, TO SHOW OFF TO HIS FRIENDS.



BUT WHEN THE NAUGHTY BOY IS ABOUT TO CATCH HIM, OUR FRIEND JUMPS TO SAFETY USING HIS TAIL AS A PARACHUTE!

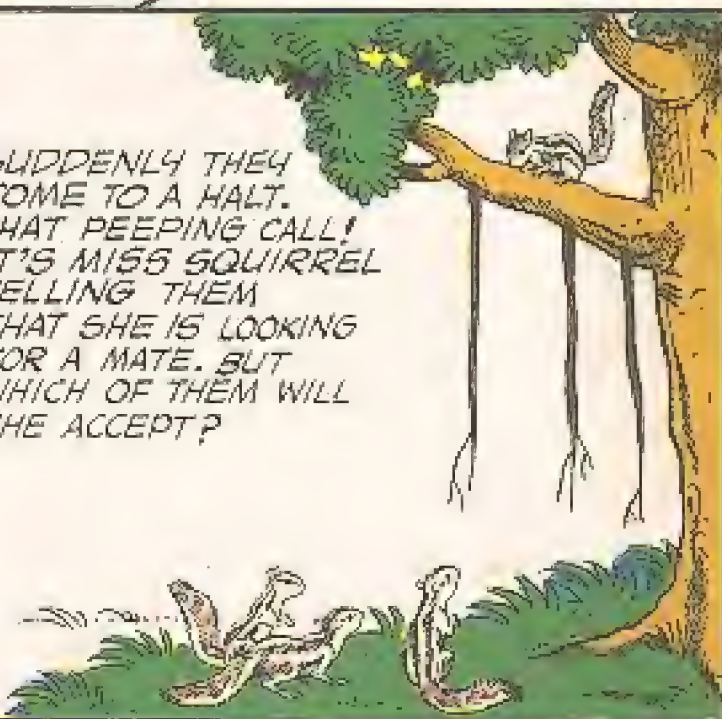


HE WAS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE DEAD! A TRICK HE USES WHEN AN ENEMY IS AFTER HIM!

HERE HE COMES WITH HIS FRIENDS.



SUDDENLY THEY COME TO A HALT. THAT PEEPING CALL! IT'S MISS SQUIRREL TELLING THEM THAT SHE IS LOOKING FOR A MATE. BUT WHICH OF THEM WILL SHE ACCEPT?

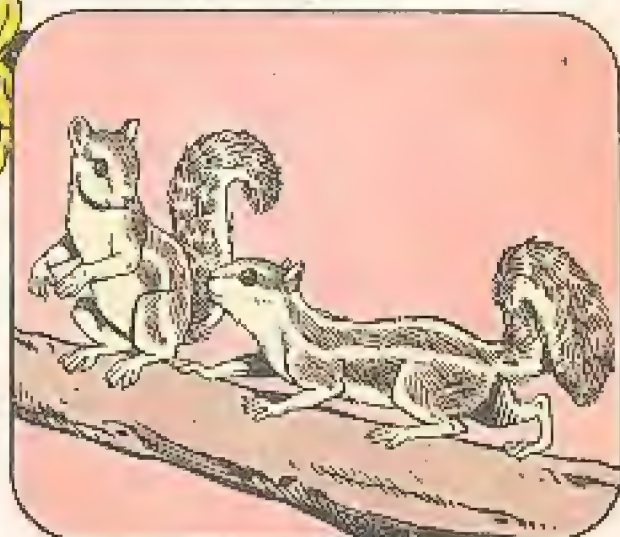


THE STRONGEST, OF COURSE. SO OUR FRIENDS BEGIN TO PROVE THEIR STRENGTH.



WHAT A FIGHT! COME ON! KEEP IT UP!

WELL DONE! OUR OLD FRIEND IS THE WINNER! AND HERE HE IS BY HER SIDE.





BUT AFTER ALL THAT FUSS,  
HE LIVES WITH MRS. SQUIRREL  
FOR ONLY A DAY! THEN  
HE'S OFF.

SHE LOVES BIRDS'  
EGGS! ARE THERE  
ANY IN HERE?

DOES MRS.  
SQUIRREL MIND? NOT  
ONE BIT. SHE CAN LOOK  
AFTER HERSELF AND THE  
BABIES SHE'LL HAVE! THERE SHE  
GOES LOOKING FOR FOOD.

NO? BAD  
LUCK!

WELL, SHE'LL FIND  
HERSELF SOME  
NUTS OR BERRIES.  
MM-M-M!

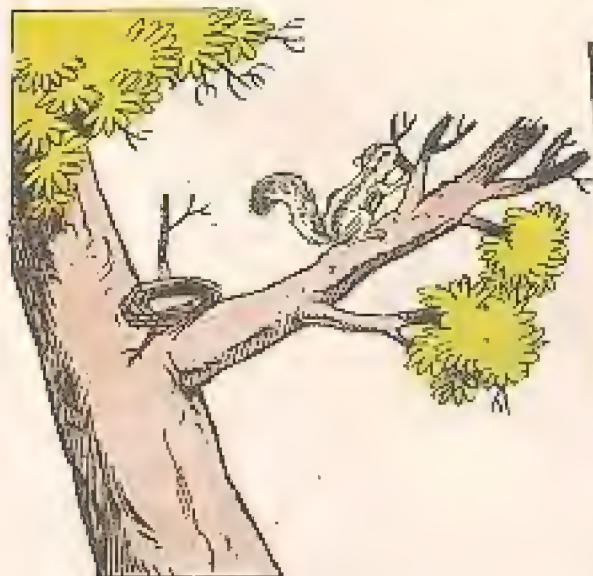
GO AHEAD, MRS.  
SQUIRREL. HAVE  
YOUR FILL! YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE A  
MOTHER SOON! YOU  
MUST TAKE CARE OF  
YOURSELF!

JUICY, FRESH  
BERRIES! SO  
MANY OF THEM!

NOW WHAT IS SHE UP TO?  
O-O-OH! SHE'S GOING TO  
BUILD A NEST.

SEE HOW HARD SHE  
WORKS! A LITTLE  
JUTE AND... WHAT'S  
THAT?

SHE IS PULLING OFF  
HAIR FROM HER OWN  
TAIL! WELL! WELL! WHAT  
WON'T A MOTHER DO,  
EVEN A SQUIRREL  
MOTHER, TO MAKE A  
WARM HOME  
FOR HER  
CHILDREN!





MY WORD! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NEST! WITHIN 45 DAYS SHE'LL HAVE THREE OR FOUR BABIES IN IT.



LIKE THESE IN THIS NEST. UGH! DID YOU CALL THEM BEAUTIFUL? LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE UGLY! THEIR EARS ALL FOLDED IN, THEIR EYES CLOSED. CAN SUCH UGLY CREATURES BE THE CHILDREN OF BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT-EYED MOTHER SQUIRREL?



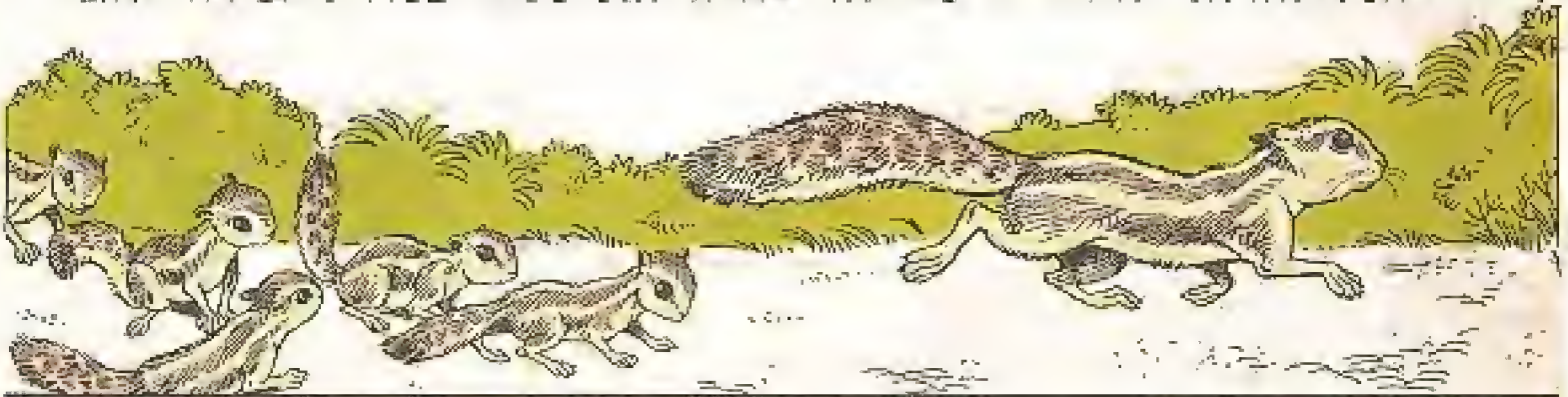
PATIENCE, MY FRIEND. SEVEN DAYS LATER THEIR EARS WILL STRAIGHTEN OUT.

A FORTNIGHT AFTER THAT THEIR EYES WILL OPEN.

AND YET A FORTNIGHT LATER, THEIR BODIES WILL BE COVERED WITH HAIR...



... LIKE THESE LITTLE ONES OUT HERE TRYING TO HUNT FOR THEIR OWN FOOD.



YOU HAVE MET THE PALM-SQUIRREL. HERE ARE SOME OF THE OTHER SQUIRRELS WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRY.



THE INDIAN GIANT SQUIRREL



THE FLYING SQUIRREL



THE HIMALAYAN SQUIRREL

NEXT MONTH: MEET THE SPARROW

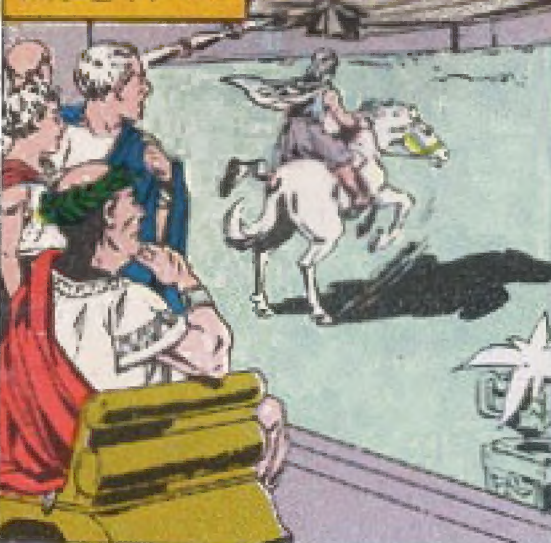


# THE CLEVER PRINCE - A GREEK TALE

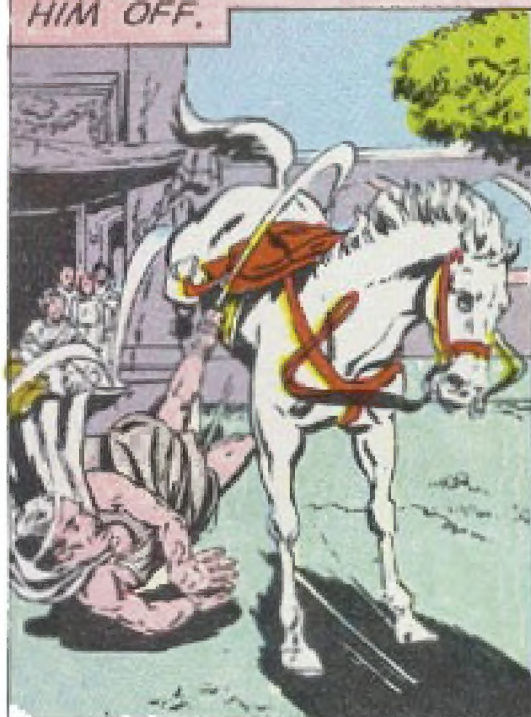
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PHILIP, KING OF MACEDONIA, ONE DAY BOUGHT A HORSE FOR A VERY LARGE SUM OF MONEY. BUT LATER WHEN ONE OF HIS MEN TRIED TO RIDE IT ...



... THE HORSE THREW HIM OFF.



MANY OTHER MEN TOO TRIED TO RIDE THE HORSE BUT IT THREW THEM ALL OFF.

THE TRADER FROM WHOM I BOUGHT IT, TOLD ME IT WAS A GENTLE HORSE. WHY IS IT BEHAVING LIKE THIS?



I THINK, I KNOW; FATHER. LET ME RIDE HIM.



ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD!



STOP HIM, SIRE! HE'LL GET HURT.



NO. LET HIM TRY.

THE BOY TURNED THE HORSE AROUND ...





...SPOKE GENTLY TO IT...



...AND THEN CLIMBED ONTO THE SADDLE.



EVERYONE EXPECTED THE HORSE TO REAR UP AND THROW OFF ITS RIDER, BUT —



IT WAS HIS OWN SHADOW THAT WAS FRIGHTENING HIM, FATHER.



WHEN I TURNED HIM TOWARDS THE SUN, HE COULD NOT SEE HIS SHADOW. THAT IS WHY HE BECAME SO GENTLE.

I AM PROUD OF YOU, MY SON.



YOU DESERVE TO BE KING OF A LARGER KINGDOM THAN MACEDONIA.



THE BOY WAS NONE OTHER THAN ALEXANDER, LATER KNOWN AS ALEXANDER THE GREAT. HE TOOK HIS FATHER'S WORDS SERIOUSLY AND BY THE TIME HE DIED, HE WAS MASTER OF HALF THE WORLD. AS FOR THE HORSE, HE NAMED HIM BUCEPHALUS AND RODE HIM IN ALL HIS CAMPAIGNS.



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